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## TRAGEDY AT FORT HOOD

# No easy answers

Experts say shooter fit profile of rampage killer, but whether they can be identified beforehand remains 'an exceptionally challenging question'

By NANCY MONTGOMERY  
*Stars and Stripes*

**H**e was depressed, according to the Army. He said he'd suffered a brain injury and might also have post-traumatic stress.

The search for answers as to why Spc. Ivan Lopez opened fire on strangers at Fort Hood last Wednesday, killing three and wounding 16 before turning the weapon on himself, may take months to resolve, if ever.

Some experts, however, believe that Lopez fits the profile of a typical rampage killer motivated most often by simmering resentment and revenge rather than a sudden burst of rage. Those experts, none of whom knows Lopez, based their assessment on years of study about the dynamics of mass killings.

"The notion of a deranged gunman who suddenly snaps and goes berserk is more myth than reality," James Alan Fox, professor of criminology at Northeastern University, wrote in an article for CNN last year. "Rather, mass murderers act methodically and with purpose. They see others, often the former boss or supervisor, as the people who are to blame for their miserable exist-

tence ... the idea of getting even becomes all consuming."

Media reports have focused on Lopez's mental health state, such as whether he had PTSD, and suggested that the Army was somehow culpable for failing to treat someone who might be violent.

Rampage shooters do sometimes have apparent serious mental health issues that drew concern before their murderous sprees. They include shooters at the Colorado theater, the Arizona shopping mall, the U.S. Navy Yard in Washington, D.C., and the Sandy Hook elementary school in Connecticut. But they all harbored resentments, experts say, and blamed others for what they believed were injustices against them. Whether they could have been stopped in advance is "an exceptionally challenging question" including civil liberties, medical ethics, guns and gun laws, according to the magazine Mother Jones, which has extensively researched mass shootings.



Lopez

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An American flag flies at half-staff on Sunday in Killeen, Texas, to honor the three killed and 16 wounded in the Fort Hood shootings on April 2.

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## QUOTE OF THE DAY

"They say that I look so in love with them when I'm there, but I cannot NOT crack an ear-to-ear smile whenever I pick that little girl or guy up."

— Kathleen Jones, a volunteer at Corner Children's Hospital in Chicago who soothes newborns who are too tiny or sick to go home

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## MIDEAST

# Afghan vote: Which ones will count?

By HEATH DRUZIN  
Stars and Stripes

KABUL — With the vote finished, the next key for Afghan presidential hopefuls is how many ballots will actually be counted.

Voters, observers and candidates have filed more than 3,000 complaints about Saturday's historic presidential vote, with many more still likely to come, though election officials say the numbers are lower than in the heavily disputed 2009 election, when there were allegation of widespread fraud. That year, more than 1 million votes, out of an initial count of just more than 5 million, were disqualified because of fraud or other irregularities.

As the jubilation dies down over what was seen by many as a triumphal election with a voter turnout over 7 million, these complaints could prove key in the outcome of what would be the first democratic transition of power in the country's history, with President Hamid Karzai constitutionally barred from running again.

"The review of the election complaints is very important for a transparent election result and also to respect the decision of the people," said Shahla Fareed, an analyst and professor of political science at Kabul University.

With preliminary results still likely two weeks away, far now the main candidates — Karzai rival and former Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah, former Finance Minister Ashraf Ghani and former Foreign Minister Zalmay Rassoul — are left to make pronouncements about their own projections of the vote.

The transparency of the Electoral Complaints Commission, the government body tasked with resolving election disputes, will



HEATH DRUZIN/Stars and Stripes

**Nadir Muhseni, a commissioner with Afghanistan's Electoral Complaints Commission, addresses a news conference on Tuesday.**

be closely scrutinized. The body was criticized for not disclosing the reasons for disqualifying 17 candidates before the election. The commissioners were hand-picked by Karzai, leading some to question their independence.

"Some strong criteria was ignored during the selection [process], like professionalism and

independence," said Jandad Singh, director of Afghanistan's leading independent election observer group, the Free and Fair Election Foundation of Afghanistan. "Now, we are looking to see the performance of these guys — [if] they perform independently then all the doubts might be satisfied."

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Shahla Fareed  
Kabul University

## Afghan suspect in shooting of journalists sent to Kabul

The Associated Press

KABUL — A senior Afghan official said the policeman who opened fire on two Associated Press journalists, killing one and seriously wounding the other, has been transferred to Kabul as

Afghan authorities step up the investigation.

The police chief of Khost province, where the shootings occurred, said the Interior Ministry sent two helicopters on Tuesday to take the suspect, identified as a

unit commander named Nagibullah, to the Afghan capital. Police chief Faizullah Ghayat said he was in the car that took Nagibullah, whose hands and feet were bound by chains, to the Khost airport.

AP photographer Anja Niedring-

haus died instantly on Friday. AP reporter Kathy Gannon, who was with her, was wounded and has been moved to Germany for further medical evaluation.

The police officer surrendered to colleagues after the shootings.

Early on, the ECC is keeping information close to the vest. At a news conference on Tuesday, commissioners would not say which provinces registered the most complaints. Many anecdotal reports have pointed to intimidation and poor security keeping voters away from polling stations in some rural areas, in contrast to the high turnout seen in Afghan cities.

"We are committed to resolving complaints independently and without pressure and respecting the true vote of the Afghan people," ECC Commissioner Nadir Muhseni said.

Roughly half of the complaints were written and will be officially adjudicated. The other half were made by telephone — tips commissioners will use to investigate irregularities but that cannot be used as evidence, Muhseni said.

Most expect a runoff election between the two top vote-getters, and the three front-runners in the race will be watching the complaints process intently and jockeying for position as the complaints are adjudicated in the coming weeks. Whoever places third could play spoiler by endorsing one of the two remaining candidates, thereby likely bringing many of his supporters with him.

Whoever wins will be the first president not named Hamid Karzai since the U.S. military invaded Afghanistan in 2001 and knocked out the ruling Taliban. The next leader will be key to the future of a sagging relationship between Washington and Kabul that has deteriorated into open enmity at times under Karzai.

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## FORT HOOD SHOOTINGS

## Fort Hood officials detail shooting spree

By JENNIFER HLAD  
Stars and Stripes

FORT HOOD, Texas — Around 4 p.m. Wednesday, Spc. Ivan Lopez argued with fellow soldiers about his request for time off and how that request was being processed, a spokesman for the Army's Criminal Investigation Command confirmed.

Minutes later, Lopez drew a semi-automatic handgun and began shooting, killing one soldier and wounding nine more in his unit's administrative office near the intersection of 7th and Street and Tank Destroyer Boulevard, Chris Grey said Monday in a news conference at Fort Hood.

But Lopez was not finished. He left the building, got into his car and started driving, shooting at two more soldiers standing behind the building and traveling very slowly in the wrong lane, headed toward his own office.

When he arrived, Lopez shot a soldier in the motor pool office, fatally wounding him, then walked to the vehicle bay area in the same building, where he wounded two more soldiers, Grey said.

Lopez got back in his car and drove toward the medical brigade building, Grey said. While driving, Lopez shot into the windshield of an approaching car, injuring the passenger, Grey said. Once stopped at the medical brigade building, Lopez shot and wounded a soldier in the parking lot, killed the soldier manning the front desk and fired at other soldiers inside the building, wounding one more.

"At this point, we do not know why he entered the building, and we may never know why," Grey said.

Still, Lopez continued, getting back into his car and driving to another transportation battalion building, where he approached a military policewoman who had responded to 911 calls, Grey said. The woman fired at Lopez, but missed, an autopsy confirmed. Lopez then turned the gun on himself, Grey said.

The rampage did not last long — about 8 minutes from the first 911 calls, Grey said — and ended with Lopez and three other soldiers dead and 16 more wounded. Five remain in area hospitals but

are improving, officials said. The others have returned to duty.

Lopez was being treated for anxiety and depression, among other health problems, and was undergoing a diagnosis for possible post-traumatic stress disorder, Army officials have said. However, Lt. Gen. Mark Milley, commander of III Corps and Fort Hood, said Friday that investigators believe the argument prompted the shooting, not any underlying mental health issues Lopez may have had.

**‘At this point, we do not know why he entered the building, and we may never know why.’**

Chris Grey  
Army Criminal  
Investigation  
Command  
spokesman

Grey said investigators are still working to determine a motive. Officials have not confirmed why Lopez was seeking a permissive temporary duty, or whether his request was denied. Permissive TDY may be authorized for career management, to participate in a court proceeding as a witness or juror, for house hunting, to attend civilian education programs, to attend meetings related to a soldier's profession and to participate in sports or recreation activities, among other scenarios, according to the Army's official leave policy. No reason was given as to why Lopez was seeking time off.

Stars and Stripes has filed an open records request for the leave policies specific to Lopez's Fort Hood unit, the 49th Transportation Battalion (Movement Control), 4th Sustainment Brigade, 13th Sustainment Command.

Lopez reportedly was angry he had received only a short amount of leave to travel home to Puerto Rico for his mother's funeral in November, when he was assigned to the Fort Bliss, Texas-based 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment. Lopez was assigned to



Photos courtesy of the U.S. Army

Above: A map shows the pertinent locations of the crime scene at Fort Hood, Texas.

Fort Hood in February.

There is no evidence Lopez had ever been convicted of or involved in any other criminal activity, Grey said, and no evidence so far that he was connected to any terrorist or extremist groups.

Investigators have collected more than 235 pieces of evidence and canvassed more than 1,100 people in connection with the shooting and have now released the crime scene back to Fort Hood, Grey said.

Fort Hood has opened behavioral health resources — usually available only to Tricare beneficiaries — to Army civilians and contractors associated with the shooting and created a behavioral health hot line for any one seeking help, said Col. Paul Reese, III Corps chief of current operations.

A memorial service for the victims of the shooting is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon, and President Barack Obama and first lady Michelle Obama plan to attend.

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Chris Grey, spokesman for the Army's Criminal Investigation Division, speaks to the media at Fort Hood on Monday. He explained the sequence of events and the path that Spc. Ivan Lopez took last Wednesday during the mass shooting spree.

## Pentagon: Too soon to tell if military gun policy will be reviewed

By JON HARPER  
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon has yet to decide whether it will review a ban on troops carrying concealed weapons onto bases in the wake of last week's Fort Hood shooting.

Current policy allows military police and some other personnel to carry loaded weapons deemed essential to their duties. Other servicemembers can bring personal weapons onto bases, but only under tightly regulated circumstances, such as when they engage in hunting or target

practice.

Some Republican lawmakers have called for allowing servicemembers to carry weapons onto military facilities for their own protection after Spc. Ivan Lopez used his .45-caliber pistol to kill three soldiers and wound 16 people at Fort Hood before taking his own life after being confronted by an armed military policewoman.

"As this [criminal] investigation continues to unfold, we will seek continued resolution and continued increase in focus on specifically what it is that we'll be reviewing policywise. For now, the focus is getting the investi-

gation completed, taking care of the wounded and their families, and bringing Fort Hood back as rapidly as possible to normal operations," Pentagon spokesman Col. Steve Warren said Monday in response to a reporter's question about whether the ban will be reviewed.

"We've not yet announced a policy review [and] it's too soon to tell [if there will be one]," Warren said.

In a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing last week, Gen. Ray Odierno, the Army chief of staff, suggested that a policy change wasn't necessary

because the current level of force protection is sufficient.

Lt. Gen. Mark Milley said that Lopez purchased the gun that he used to kill and wound his fellow soldiers March 1 at a store called Guns Galore in Killeen, Texas.

Lopez illegally brought the weapon onto Fort Hood the day of the shooting.

Milley said around 100,000 people work at the base, and it would be impractical to search all of them before they enter the facility.

Officials said that Lopez was undergoing mental health treatment for depression, anxiety and

sleep disturbances before he went on his shooting spree.

Warren confirmed that mental health professionals are allowed to ask troops if they plan on buying a weapon if they believe they might be mentally unstable, but said he didn't know if anyone asked Lopez about his intentions to purchase a firearm.

"Presumably [the answer] will come out when the investigation is complete. But that's certainly going to be an integral part of the investigation moving forward," Warren said.

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# FORT HOOD SHOOTINGS

## Answers: Experts say humiliation can be a rage-inducing trigger in rampage killers

### FROM FRONT PAGE

Anne Speckhard, an adjunct associate professor at Georgetown University Medical School and author of a book on ideologically driven suicide bombers, said she thought mental health problems were the cause and he was unstable.

"I see a guy whose mother just died, who according to a friend is 'enraged' that he cannot get enough time off to go to her funeral. In the same time frame, he is asking for help and taking medications for anxiety and depression ...," Speckhard said in an email.

"Then he goes to the base, gets in an argument and goes on a shooting spree. This looks like someone who cannot control his emotions or impulses well and was destabilized by something — the deaths in his family, the psychotropics, the moves, something in his past," she said.

**‘What they want is to reverse the scenario that has dominated their lives — being looked down upon by others in that institution; the habitually dominated seek a moment of dominating others.’**

**Randall Collins**  
sociology professor,  
University of  
Pennsylvania

"Rampage killers are persons who have been humiliated," said Randall Collins, a sociology professor at the University of Pennsylvania who has studied scores of mass shooters. "What they really want is to fix their image. It's 'I'm going to show these people.'"

Lopez, 34, was a decade or more older than almost all others of his rank. He became an active-duty soldier in 2010, according to the Army, after years spent at a part-time National Guard job, and according to reports, as a police officer in his native Puerto Rico.

"You go from being a cop — cops always get deferred to — now he's in the Army, he's a truck driver, he's low-ranking. That's a real drop in status," Collins said in a phone interview.

Further, changing from being an infantryman to a truck driver as Lopez did in February would also be perceived in the Army as a step down.

See complete coverage of the recent Fort Hood shootings  
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Lopez was diagnosed with depression, claiming a traumatic brain injury and was being evaluated for post-traumatic stress. The Army maintains he saw no combat and suffered no injuries in the four months he spent in Iraq in 2011.

Collins said mental health complaints could have been a "sort of a script, almost like a cover story."

"Other people are making these claims — mental health issues kind of fit into the existing culture. It's kind of a standard gripe," he said.

Lopez was incensed, his family said, when commanders declined to give him the amount of leave he requested to attend his mother's funeral.

The day of the shooting, after he'd smuggled two guns onto base, he'd gotten into a dispute, officials said, apparently about getting another leave.

That could have been the triggering, rage-inducing humiliation, Collins said.

The fact that the shooting occurred on an Army base isn't especially notable, experts said. Mass shooters, most of them middle-aged men, most often wipe out their families, Fox said, but they also often strike at their place of employment, whether it's an Army base, a Navy ship, a private business or the Post Office. Younger mass shooters have targeted schools, malls, and theaters.

They target hated individuals they believe are responsible for their unhappiness. Or they shoot whomever is present in what Fox calls "murder by proxy."

Collins said shooting strangers represents an attack on the institution.

"What they want is to reverse the scenario that has dominated their lives — being looked down upon by others in that institution; the habitually dominated seek a moment of dominating others."

"This fills their horizon; the rampage killer rarely plans what happens next. In all his elaborate planning, he has made no plans for escape," Collins wrote on his blog. "The mass killing is the final, overwhelming symbolic event of his life."

The Lopez case is the third time someone associated with Fort Hood committed a public mass shooting in Killeen, Texas.

Maj. Nidal Hasan, an Army psychiatrist and Islamic extremist, killed 13 people and wounded more than 30 others at Fort Hood in 2011. Hasan, whose shooting spree ended after he was shot by police, bought his weapons at the same Killeen store where Lopez bought the .45-caliber Smith & Wesson semi-automatic handgun he used on his victims before killing himself when confronted by police.

New on the military's death row, Hasan claimed he'd killed troops about to deploy to Afghan-



TAMIR KALIFA/AP

Anita Hernandez wipes away tears as names of the victims killed in the Fort Hood shooting are read aloud during a memorial service at the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Killeen, Texas, on Sunday.



Maj. Nidal Hasan



Aaron Alexis

istan to protect the Taliban, and his actions are widely viewed as ideologically driven terrorism.

But he also fit the profile of a mass murderer: a middle-aged outsider discontent with his job and powerless to change it. The Army categorized the event as workplace violence.

Less often mentioned is the so-called Luby's massacre in 1991. Unemployed merchant seaman George Hennard, 35, crashed his pickup truck through the front



AP

Sgt. Hasan Akbar is led from the Staff Judge Advocate Building during his court-martial at Fort Bragg, N.C., in April 2005. Akbar was convicted of killing two of his comrades and wounding 14 others in Kuwait in 2003 and sentenced to death.

window of a local cafeteria then shot 50 people, killing 23, before killing himself.

Hennard's father was an Army colonel, a surgeon and the commander of Fort Hood's Darnall Army Community Hospital in the late 1970s.

But the Lopez case appears to be most similar to that of Sgt. John M. Russell, 44, who shot five people at a combat-stress clinic on the outskirts of Baghdad in 2009.

At his court-martial, Russell's defense claimed that Russell, on his third deployment, was suicidal. He'd "snapped," according to his lawyers, because of maltreatment from incompetent mental health providers.

But prosecution witnesses told of an aging, unsuccessful soldier who struggled at work.

Prosecutors said that Russell grew irate and ultimately murderous because he was not being evacuated out of Iraq after saying he was suicidal, that he blamed clinic workers and wanted revenge. They pointed out that after he stormed out of the clinic, he stole a truck and an M16 and returned to the clinic, a drive that took some 40 minutes. He smoked a cigarette, removed identification tags and the rifle's optical sight, slipped in the back door, and started firing. Russell was sentenced to life without parole last year.

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## MILITARY

## Rescued couple defends sea trip

The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — With their 1-year-old daughter improving after a U.S. Navy ocean rescue, her parents defended their decision to sail with two young children on a trip around the world aboard a 36-foot sailboat.

The child who fell ill during the voyage and her family were heading to San Diego aboard the warship where she can receive further medical treatment after their rescue Sunday from their stalled sailboat hundreds of miles off the Mexican coast.

"We understand there are those who question our decision to sail with our family, but please know that this is how our family has lived for seven years, and when we departed on this journey more than a year ago, we were then and remain today confident that we prepared as well as any sailing crew could," San Diego couple Eric and Charlotte Kaufman said in a statement from the USS Vandegrift.

"The ocean is one of the greatest forces of nature, and it always has the potential to overcome those who live on or near it. We are proud of our choices and our preparation," the statement said.



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**Sailors from the USS Vandegrift assist in the rescue of a family with a sick infant during a joint U.S. Navy, Coast Guard and California Air National Guard effort on Sunday.**

The Kaufmans, their 1-year-old daughter, Lyra, and her 3-year-old sister, Cora, had started across the Pacific in March when the baby girl developed a fever and a rash covering most of her body and wasn't responding to medications. They sent a satellite call for help to the U.S. Coast Guard on Thursday after their 36-foot sailboat Rebel Heart lost steering and communication abilities about 900 miles southwest of Cabo San Lucas, Mexico.

Four California Air National Guard members parachuted into the water and reached the boat Thursday night. The crew stabilized the girl, stayed by her side and then hopped on an inflatable

boat with the family to board the USS Vandegrift.

The frigate was expected to arrive in San Diego midweek, Coast Guard Petty Officer 2nd Class Barry Bena said.

Authorities decided to sink the Rebel Heart because it was taking on water, Bena said.

Charlotte Kaufman's sister, Sarah Kay English, posted on her Facebook page that the family took only what they could carry from the broken boat.

The Kaufmans said in the statement they were disappointed to lose their sailboat they called home.

It was still not immediately known what illness the girl may have had.

## Hagel rebukes China over air defense zone

The Associated Press

BEIJING — The defense chiefs of China and the U.S. faced off Tuesday over Beijing's escalating territorial disputes in the region, as Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel, wagging his finger, said China doesn't have the right to unilaterally establish an air defense zone over disputed islands with no consultation.

He said America will protect Japan in a dispute with China.

Chinese Defense Minister Chang Wanquan said his country will not take the initiative to stir up troubles with Japan, but Beijing is ready to use its military if needed to safeguard its territory. He warned that the U.S. must "stay vigilant" against Japan's actions and "not be permissive and supportive" of Tokyo.

The two men were speaking to reporters after a meeting here.

The U.S. has criticized Beijing's recent declaration of an air defense zone over a large swath of the East China Sea, including disputed islands controlled by Japan.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting with Chang at the Ministry of Defense, the two men aired their countries well-known positions about the territorial disputes.

The meeting focused on how the U.S. and China can build stronger

ties, in the wake of years of frosty relations over Beijing's military buildup, persistent cyberattacks against U.S. government agencies and private industry, and aggressive Chinese territorial claims in the East China Sea.

Beijing's recent declaration of an air defense zone over a large swath of the East China Sea, including disputed islands controlled by Japan, has raised complaints from the U.S., deepening concerns that it could spark a confrontation.

Washington has refused to recognize the zone or follow China's demands that its aircraft file flight plans with Beijing's Defense Ministry and heed Chinese instructions. China has warned of unspecified retaliatory measures against aircraft that do not comply, but has so far taken no action.

He also said the U.S. and China must be more open with each other about their cybercapabilities, saying that greater openness "reduces the risk that misunderstanding and misperception could lead to miscalculation."

Hagel pointed to the ongoing threat from North Korea, which recently threatened additional missile and nuclear tests. And he said the U.S. and China have a shared interest "in achieving a verifiable, irreversible denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula."

## Pentagon makes progress on container fees

By TOM VANDEN BROOK

USA Today

The Pentagon racked up some nasty late fees — \$620 million-plus since the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan began in 2001 — for failing to return shipping containers on time.

After chiding from the Senate and embarrassment in the press, the military appears to have broken its bad habit. In the 2014 fiscal year, the military paid out no fees for failing to return shipping containers on time, said Mark Wright, a Pentagon spokesman.

The problem surfaced early in the wars, but the fire hose of money gushed by the Pentagon during its free-spending, peak-war years pushed it below the surface.

The late fees piled up in much the same way as a past-due library book. Shipping boxes, ranging from 20 to 40 feet in length and chock full of gear, have been the preferred method of getting cargo to Iraq and Afghanistan. Once there, troops repurposed the metal shells for shelter, storage, even bathrooms.

The problem is most are owned by shipping companies, not the federal government. Late fees mount because those firms charge daily penalties for containers not returned on time. Under a rent-to-own arrangement, the Pentagon was paying nearly \$7,400 for a container worth \$3,200.

Military transportation officials got a handle on the problem with the help of a contractor. Now, the Pentagon is asking to extend

the contract to help get the bulk of the remaining gear out of Afghanistan by the end of this year. There are about 40,000 containers remaining there valued at \$160 million.

A document justifying the need for an extension of the contract notes that without the outside help, the Pentagon could mistake containers it owns for those it leases. That means the military "will incur the cost of returning a container to (America) only to learn that is not a (Department of Defense) container."

Make a mistake and bring the wrong one home, and the late fees could top \$4,000 per container.

With the contract extended, Wright said, late fees "are expected to continue to decline and additional costs avoided."

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## UKRAINE UNREST

## Government struggles as tensions rise in 3 cities

By PETER LEONARD

The Associated Press

DONETSK, Ukraine — Ukraine's government struggled to stay in control of the country's eastern regions as tensions flared Tuesday in three cities. While the government managed to recapture its regional headquarters and detain dozens of pro-Russian protesters in one city, it said "radicals" were keeping 60 people hostage and threatening them in another city.

Unknown "separatists" brandishing weapons and explosives were threatening the hostages inside a security service branch in the city of Luhansk, the Ukrainian Security Service said in a statement Tuesday.

It was not clear who the hostages were or if they were security

service employees. The building was seized Sunday by armed pro-Russian protesters.

Earlier Tuesday, Ukrainian authorities battled with pro-Russian protesters but regained control over a government building in Kharkiv, the country's second-largest city, evicting the protesters and detaining dozens.

In Donetsk, a city 155 miles further south, protesters dug in for a third day at the 11-story regional administration headquarters and began to declare their own parallel government.

Serhiy Taruta, the governor of Donetsk, scoffed at the shifting events in his city.

"I call this a theater of the absurd," he said. "It is just artists performing, but the main thing is that there is an ever-dwindling audience."

All three cities are in Ukraine's east, where hostility is strong toward the government that took power in February after the ouster of Kremlin-friendly President Viktor Yanukovich. Even though Ukraine's interim authorities have achieved some success in quelling unrest that swept across eastern provinces Sunday, festering discontent threatens to undermine plans to hold a presidential election on May 25.

Addressing parliament in Kiev, acting President Oleksandr Turchynov said security forces retook control of the Kharkiv administration building early Tuesday and several police were injured in the clashes with separatists.

Interior Minister Arsen Avakov described the measure on his Facebook page as an "anti-terrorist operation."



OLGA IVASHCHENKO/AP

**A worker cleans up after riots as members of a police unit guard a regional administration building in Kharkiv, Ukraine, on Tuesday.**

In a session briefly interrupted by a brawl, parliament also voted to toughen punishment for undermining Ukraine's national security, imposing jail terms of up to five years for separatism.

In Donetsk, there was little sign Tuesday afternoon that government forces had any immediate plan to clear the regional admin-

istration building.

By Tuesday, lines of car tires wrapped in razor wire had been erected as deterrent against a possible attempt by police to storm the premises.

No clear leader or agenda has emerged from the obscure group of pro-Donetsk autonomy activists behind the standoff.

## NATO warns Russia about meddling in eastern Ukraine

By SLOBODAN LECIC

Stars and Stripes

NATO warned Russia on Tuesday against any interference in the events in eastern Ukraine, where pro-Russian protesters have seized government buildings and are demanding secession from Ukraine.

Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen urged Moscow to pull back its troops from the border between the two countries.

"If Russia were to intervene further in Ukraine, it would be a historic mistake," Rasmussen told journalists in Paris.

The new government in Kiev has accused Russia of fomenting the latest unrest, during which protesters seized several public buildings and declared independence from Ukraine.

Air Force Gen. Philip Breedlove, the commander of U.S. and NATO forces in Europe, is considering further steps that the U.S. could take to reassure its NATO allies, including increasing military exercises, forward-deploying additional military equipment and personnel, and increasing the U.S. naval, air and ground presence in Europe, Vice Adm. Frank Pandolfi, the director for strategic plans and policy on the Joint Staff, told lawmakers Tuesday. Breedlove will present his recommenda-

tions to the North Atlantic Council on April 15, Pandolfi said.

Pentagon spokesman Col. Steve Warren told reporters that the U.S. is sending six F-16s to Romania later this week to participate in joint interoperability training with the Romanian air force. They are scheduled to arrive Thursday, Warren said the exercise was "long-planned."

Pandolfi suggested, however, that there are limits to what the U.S. can and will do in Europe, given its other global commitments and force requirements.

"We have to keep it in global perspective," he told members of Congress. "Russia is an important country and it is a regional power, but we have other interests throughout world which we also must continue to pay attention to, and we must balance our energies to maintain security and stability, not just in Europe but in the Middle East and the Far East as well."

Relations between Ukraine and Russia have deteriorated sharply since protesters ousted Ukraine's Moscow-backed president on Feb. 22 after months of demonstrations. Russian forces took over Crimea, which has a majority Russian-speaking population, and Moscow annexed it March 21.

Russian leaders have said they have no intention of invading

eastern Ukraine. But the annexation of Crimea, combined with the presence of more than 30,000 Russian troops near the border, has sparked concerns that Moscow may send its forces in on the pretext of protecting Russian speakers in eastern Ukraine.

"I continue to urge Russia to pull back its troops, fulfill its international commitments and engage in a constructive dialogue with the Ukrainian government," Rasmussen said.

Last week, NATO foreign ministers decided to suspend all "practical" military and civilian cooperation with Russia. Separately, the United States and the European Union announced a series of sanctions targeting Russian officials and institutions and threatened to strengthen those measures if Russia moved into eastern Ukraine.

NATO has also stepped up an air-policing mission over the Baltic states and dispatched AWACS surveillance planes over Poland and Romania. The U.S. sent more F-16 fighter jets to Poland and joined Romania and Bulgaria in naval exercises in the Black Sea.

In Brussels, a senior NATO diplomat said that in the interest of de-escalating the crisis, the European Union would take the political lead in dealing with Ukraine, while NATO would play

a "supporting role" for the time being. Most experts believed that the military measures taken so far were sufficient to deter any threats and reassure alliance members in the Baltics and Eastern Europe, and that Russia was unlikely to pose a threat to any NATO member, said the envoy, who spoke on usual condition of anonymity.

Meanwhile, Russia's Foreign Ministry warned on Tuesday that Ukraine's eastern region could spiral into civil war if Kiev tries to put down the pro-Moscow uprisings.

On Monday, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry told his Russian counterpart, Sergey Lavrov, that Washington was monitoring events in eastern Ukraine and said that these did not appear to be "a spontaneous set of events,"

spokeswoman Jen Psaki said.

"He conveyed to Foreign Minister Lavrov that the United States is watching events (in the cities of) Kharkiv, Donetsk, Luhansk and Mariupol with great concern," she said, adding that Kerry had noted "that this appeared to be a carefully orchestrated campaign with Russian support."

Kerry called on Russia to publicly disavow the activities of "separatists, saboteurs, and provocateurs," Psaki said.

Kerry and Lavrov discussed convening direct talks within the next 10 days among Ukraine, Russia, the United States, and the EU to de-escalate the tensions.

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## PACIFIC



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Navy spouse Masako Sullivan, left, shares gifts donated by military families with residents of the Terauchi No. 2 temporary housing complex in Minamisoma, Japan, about 30 minutes west of the Fukushima shore.

# Japan's disaster refugees long for home

By ERIK SLAVIN  
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Stars and Stripes

MINAMISOMA, Japan — The residents of the Terauchi No. 2 housing project served up heaping portions of thick, tangy Japanese curry, with a side of steamed rice and grilled ham.

Older women, along with a couple of teenage girls, played games with Kaito Sullivan, 3, and his big sister, Serina, 5, in the housing project's community room.

They showed the children pictures on the wall of their mother, Masako Sullivan, whose organizing efforts have allowed hundreds of military families to help survivors of the magnitude-9.0 earthquake, the tsunami that killed more than 19,000 people and the nuclear accident that irradiated the Fukushima coast.

Near pictures of Masako, whose husband is a U.S. naval officer, were pictures of USS Ronald Reagan sailors, a USS Mustin patch, and holiday cards from Yokosuka families.

For a few hours, the Sullivans and Terauchi No. 2's residents shared the mirth of reunited friends.

Their happiness was tempered by an unpleasant reality: After all this time, they were still meeting at a temporary housing project.

More than three years after the disaster, the occupancy rate of the 40 homes at Terauchi No. 2 remains at 100 percent. The Ter-

auchi residents are among 44,589 households still living in prefabricated housing, according to the Japanese government's February statistics.

When Stars and Stripes and a group of military spouses first visited the Terauchi complex two years ago, the needs were mostly material. Uncontaminated water, rice and personal items were in short supply. Now, the biggest needs are perhaps more difficult to meet.

Many fight a health battle with the stress that has grown out of continuing uncertainty, while they live in homes that offer little privacy and are, on average, 320 square feet.

"People are suffering from unseen problems," said resident Reiko Suzuki, 59. "There are many that have developed stomach illnesses, or depression."

Suzuki hopes to someday buy a small home, somewhere far from the nuclear plant that rendered her former home uninhabitable.

For now, she remains at Terauchi No. 2 to take care of her mother-in-law, 90, who has dementia. Suzuki said she drinks more than she used to in order to relieve the stress she feels, though it makes it harder for her to sleep.

The health struggles experienced by Suzuki and others at Terauchi appear to be common among Japan's disaster survivors, according to ongoing research.

In March, Brigham Young University professor Niwaka Yam-

awaki and scholars from Saga University published a mental health study on 241 citizens of the evacuated town of Hirono. More than half experienced "clinically concerning" symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder, while two-thirds reported depression symptoms, according to the study.

The disaster survivors in temporary housing, many of them elderly, have the additional burdens of leaving behind the neighborhoods and people they have known for decades.

"Japanese are very collectivistic people and their identity is so intertwined with neighbors," Yamawaki said in a statement. "Breaking up the community has so much impact on them."

## Moving in, moving out

Hundreds of thousands of disaster survivors have moved out of temporary housing, either through their own means or government assistance. Japan has also built some new apartments and homes, which former temporary housing residents now rent.

However, demands still outstrip supply.

After land near the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear plant and along the tsunami-battered Tohoku coast was declared off-limits, prices for the remaining nearby real estate increased exponentially.

Japan's plethora of small land-

owners poses additional problems to governments seeking to buy land for permanent housing settlements.

"Nearly half of landowners say 'I don't want to sell,'" Kosuke Motani, chief senior economist for the Japan Research Institute, told reporters in March. "Why? 'I want to continue to be a landowner. Having land is my identity.' That thought has been strong in the mind of Japanese ... for the last 1,300 years."

For some families, the only option is moving from one temporary housing project to a more desirable one.

Yoshiyuki Sato, 61, the neighborhood community association leader, said that a few residents have left Terauchi No. 2 in the last few years, but their homes are then taken by families seeking to move closer to their pre-disaster homes.

Toshi Kori, 67, moved out of Te-

rauchi No. 2 in May, settling into a new house about five minutes away with her husband, daughter and granddaughter.

It is a better situation but hardly stress-free.

Kori said she wouldn't let her granddaughter eat anything grown locally, despite rigorous government safety checks for radioactive isotopes. Most former and current residents said they haven't had any faith in government guarantees since the disaster.

Kori and her husband fished for a living before the nuclear accident. Now they live off their pensions.

"Even if we caught fish, it will be checked [for radiation contamination] and we won't be able to sell them," she said. "Even if we are able to sell them, no one will buy them."

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## NATION

# USAID chief faces questions on 'Cuban Twitter'

By DESMOND BUTLER  
AND JACK GILLUM  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development on Tuesday was beginning a series of appearances before lawmakers asking questions about his agency's secret "Cuban Twitter," a social media network built to stir unrest in the communist island.

First up in the questioning of administrator Rajiv Shah was to be Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., who publicly called the social media program "dumb, dumb, dumb."

Last week, an Associated Press investigation revealed that USAID oversaw the creation of the text message-based service, dubbed ZunZuneo for the sound made by a Cuban hummingbird. USAID and its contractors went to extensive lengths to conceal Washington's ties to the project, according to interviews and documents obtained by the AP.

A key question for the hearings will be whether the program endangered its users by concealing that the U.S. government was behind the program. The network was publicly launched shortly after the 2009 arrest in Cuba of American contractor Alan Gross. He was imprisoned there after

traveling repeatedly on a separate, clandestine USAID mission to expand Cuban Internet access using sensitive technology that only governments use.

Early Tuesday, Gross' lawyer released a statement that his client was going on a hunger strike. The ZunZuneo story was "one of the factors" Gross took into account in connection with his hunger strike, the attorney said.

"Once Alan was arrested, it is shocking that USAID would imperil his safety even further by running a covert operation in Cuba," said the lawyer, Scott Gilbert. "USAID has made one absurdly bad decision after another."

Lawmakers will also try to determine whether the program should have been classified as "covert" under U.S. national security law, which requires covert action to be authorized by the president and briefed to congressional intelligence committees.

Shah said last week that the



RAMON ESPINOSA/AP

A street vendor passes the time on her smartphone as she waits for customers in Havana, Cuba, on April 1. USAID administrator Rajiv Shah was to appear before a U.S. government panel on Tuesday to address questions on the agency's "Cuban Twitter" network.

ZunZuneo program was not covert, though "parts of it were done discreetly" to protect the people involved. He said on MSNBC that a study by the Government Accountability Office into democracy promotion programs run by USAID and the State Department — including the Cuban Twitter

project — found the programs to be consistent with the law.

"This is simply not a covert effort in any regard," he said.

The author of the GAO study, David Gootnick, told the AP that investigators did not examine the question of whether the programs were covert.

Gootnick said the GAO's report was focused on examining the extent to which USAID knew what its contractors were doing. It found that the agency was adequately monitoring the work.

"We did not ask, nor did we report, on the wisdom of conducting such activities," he said.

Leahy, who oversees the Senate Appropriations subcommittee that authorizes spending for USAID and the State Department, said he was not aware of the Cuban Twitter project while it was in operation.

"If I had been, I would have said, 'What in heaven's name are you thinking?'" he said on MSNBC last week. "If you're going to do a covert operation like this for a regime change, assuming it ever makes any sense, it's not something that should be done through USAID."

In addition to Leahy's committee, Shah is expected to appear before a Republican-chaired House Appropriations subcommittee, as well as the House and Senate foreign relations committees. Last week, the Republican chairman of a House oversight panel said it would be looking into the project.

In a blog posted Monday, USAID reiterated its position that the program was not covert, challenging the AP's story on several fronts.

## American imprisoned in Cuba begins hunger strike

By JESSICA GRESKO  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An American man who has been imprisoned in Cuba for more than four years is on a hunger strike, according to a statement released by his lawyer Tuesday.

Alan Gross, 64, said he began fasting to protest his treatment by the governments of both Cuba and the United States. He said he began fasting last Thursday.



Gross

Jewish community. At the time, Gross was working as a subcon-

tractor for the U.S. government's U.S. Agency for International Development, which works to promote democracy on the island. Because Cuba considers USAID's programs illegal attempts by the U.S. to undermine its government, Gross was ultimately tried and sentenced to 15 years in prison.

His case has become a sticking point in improving ties between the two countries, which have not had formal diplomatic relations

since 1961.

"I am fasting to object to mis-truths, deceptions, and inaction by both governments, not only regarding their shared responsibility for my arbitrary detention, but also because of the lack of any reasonable or valid effort to resolve this shameful ordeal. Once again, I am calling on President [Barack] Obama to get personally involved in ending this standoff so that I can return home to my wife and daughters," Gross' statement

reads.

The statement did not say whether he was drinking anything while on a hunger strike or mention his health. Lawyers said Gross has lost over 100 pounds.

His wife, Judy, wrote Tuesday that she is "worried sick" about her husband's health and that she doesn't think "he can survive much more of this."

Gross lived in Maryland before his arrest in Cuba. His wife now lives in Washington.

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## NATION

# As deaths rise, campaign cites train track risk

By Josh Funk

The Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — Railroads are launching a new campaign to highlight the dangers of being near train tracks after a spike in rail deaths last year.

At this time last year, the railroads were proudly calling 2012 their safest year ever as derailments and crossing accidents kept declining. But last year, the number of trespassing deaths rose by 47, or 11 percent, to 476, and the number of deaths in accidents increased nearly 8 percent to 250.

Although the rates vary from year to year and there are only theories to explain last year's increase, it prompted federal regulators to develop a public campaign aimed at reducing accidents.

Ads being released Tuesday

are focusing on how people and vehicles stand no chance against a train.

"We need to make sure people understand the danger they're putting themselves in on the rails," said Joyce Rose, CEO of Operation Lifesaver, a nonprofit dedicated to educating people about railroad hazards.

It's difficult to determine what was behind the death increase in 2013, but Rose believes it may be related to smartphones and other electronic devices.

"We're a distracted population," Rose said.

The main television commercial for the new campaign, dubbed "See Tracks? Think Train," shows a young man walking on railroad tracks while wearing headphones and not realizing a train is coming.

Mark Kalina, who lost parts of



AP

A man crosses a railroad track in front of a stationary locomotive in Fremont, Neb., in April 2010. A new campaign seeks to educate people about the dangers of train tracks.

both legs in a train accident, supports the message.

The 24-year-old said he knew he made a bad decision when he tried to walk around a stopped train to get to his apartment in Columbus, Ohio, after he'd been out with friends in October 2012.

The train started moving, and Kalina's shirt got caught. After climbing aboard the train to free his shirt, Kalina fell under the train.

Kalina, who hopes to return to Ohio State in the fall to compete his degree, wants others to learn from his mistake.

## Kennedy set to seek Conn. seat

The Associated Press

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — Ted Kennedy Jr. was expected to announce Tuesday that he's running for the state Senate in Connecticut.

Two people briefed on the decision said the son of the late U.S. Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., would announce Tuesday evening that he intends to seek the Democratic nomination for the 12th Senatorial District.

They spoke to The Associated Press on Monday on condition of anonymity because Kennedy wants to make the announcement.

Kennedy, 52, is a health care lawyer who lives in Branford and has been mentioned as a possible political candidate for years.

The 12th District is represented by Guilford Democrat Edward Meyer, who is retiring.



Kennedy

## House action awaited on jobless bill

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Election-year legislation to resume long-term jobless benefits is headed to the House, where a small band of dissident Republicans is leaning on Speaker John Boehner to permit a vote on resuming aid to more than 2 million victims of the Great Recession.

"As many Americans continue to struggle without benefits, we respectfully request that the House immediately consider this bill or a similar measure," seven House Republicans wrote Boehner and House Majority Leader Eric Cantor on Monday. They released their letter as the Senate voted 59-38 for the bill.

The outlook remains cloudy, though, for legislation that took three months to move through the Senate.

In reply, a spokesman for Boehner said, "As the speaker said months ago, we are willing to look at extending emergency unemployment insurance as long as it includes provisions to help create more private sector jobs."

The White House-backed measure would retroactively restore benefits that were cut off in late December, and maintain them through the end of May. Officials say as many as 2.3 million jobless workers have gone without assistance since the law expired late last year.

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## WORLD

## Quebec separatist party handed crushing defeat

MONTREAL — Quebec voters gave a resounding no to the prospect of holding a third referendum on independence from Canada, handing the main separatist party in the French-speaking province one of its worst electoral defeats ever.

The Liberal Party, staunch supporters of Canadian unity, won Quebec's legislative elections Monday, while the pro-independence Parti Quebecois suffered a crushing defeat that puts its dream of a sovereign Quebec on hold.

The results will allow the Liberals to form a majority government, less than 18 months after voters had booted the party from power for the first time in nine years amid allegations of corruption.

## Bomb on Pakistan train kills at least 13

QUETTA, Pakistan — A bomb ripped through a railway car parked at a station in southwest Pakistan, killing at least 13 people and sending flames and smoke billowing into the air, officials said.

The explosion in the town of Sibi also wounded 35 people, said district police chief Gulam Abbas Tarsar. He put the death toll at 13 while another official, Suhail-ur-Rehman, the deputy commissioner of the district, said 14 people were killed.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility.

## Philippine court upholds law for contraceptives

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippine Supreme Court Tuesday upheld large parts of a government plan to provide free contraceptives to the poor, ruling on a landmark case that pitted President Benigno Aquino against the Catholic Church.

The 15-member court unanimously voted in favor of the constitutional validity of the Reproductive Health Act, rejecting 14 lawsuits from groups that said the government would curb religious freedom by mandating population control. It voided certain provisions involving minors and spousal consent.

The law would guarantee universal access to contraception methods, fertility control, sex education and maternal care. The United Nations has said it will help reduce poverty among the nation's 107 million people who live in slum conditions.

## Jury orders drugmaker to pay \$6B in damages

A U.S. jury ordered Takeda Pharmaceutical Co. and Eli Lilly to pay \$9 billion in punitive damages over a diabetes medicine linked to cancer, but Japan's biggest drugmaker said it will "vigorously challenge" the decision.

The U.S. District Court in western Louisiana decided a \$6 billion penalty for Takeda and \$3 billion for its business partner and co-defendant Eli Lilly. It also ordered \$1.5 million in compensatory damages in favor of the plaintiff.

From wire reports

## Ship continues search for pings

## Hunt for missing jet's black boxes uncovers no sounds since weekend

By NICK PERRY  
The Associated Press

PERTH, Australia — Search crews have failed to relocate faint sounds heard deep in the Indian Ocean, possibly from the missing Malaysian jetliner's black boxes whose batteries are at the end of their life.

Angus Houston, the retired Australian air chief marshal who is heading the search far off western Australia, said listening equipment on the Ocean Shield has picked up no trace of the signals since they were first heard late Saturday and early Sunday. The signals had sparked hopes of a breakthrough in the search for Flight 370.

Finding the black boxes quickly is critical, because their locator beacons have a battery life of only about a month — and Tuesday marks exactly one month since the plane vanished. Once the beacons blink off, locating the black boxes in such deep water would be an immensely difficult, if not impossible, task.

"There have been no further contacts with any transmission and we need to continue (searching) for several days right up to the point at which there's absolutely no doubt that the batteries will have expired," Houston said.

If, by that point, the U.S. Navy

listening equipment being towed behind the Ocean Shield has failed to pick up any signals, a submarine will be deployed to try to chart out any debris on the seafloor. If the sub maps out a debris field, the crew will replace its sonar system with a camera unit to photograph any wreckage.

Earlier, Australia's acting prime minister, Warren Truss, had said the Bluefin 21 autonomous sub would be launched on Tuesday, but a spokesman for Truss said later the conflicting information was a misunderstanding, and Truss acknowledged the sub was not being used immediately.

The two distinct sounds heard late Saturday and early Sunday are consistent with the pings from an aircraft's black boxes, Houston said.

Defense Minister David Johnston called it the most positive lead said so far, it would take "many, many days" for it to cover all the places the pings might have come from.

He also warned of past false leads — such as ships detecting their own signals. Because of that, other ships are being kept away, so as not to add unwanted noise.

"We're very hopeful we will find further evidence that will confirm the aircraft is in that location," Houston said. "There's still a little bit of doubt there, but



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**The Bluefin 21, Artemis autonomous underwater vehicle is hoisted back onboard Australia's Ocean Shield after testing in the Indian Ocean. The crew is planning to launch the sub to search for the black boxes and wreckage from the missing Malaysian jetliner.**

Houston said finding the sound again was critical to narrowing the search area before the sub can be used. If the vehicle went down now with the sparse data collected so far, it would take "many, many days" for it to cover all the places the pings might have come from.

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I'm a lot more optimistic than I was one week ago."

The black boxes containing the flight data and cockpit voice recorders are key to learning why the plane lost communications and veered so far off-course.

The first sound picked up by the equipment on board the Ocean Shield lasted two hours and 20 minutes before it was lost, Houston said. The ship then turned around and picked up a signal again — this time recording two distinct "pinger returns" that lasted 13 minutes. That would be consistent with transmissions from both the flight data recorder and the cockpit voice recorder.

## Canadian convicted of murder seen online

By ROB GILLIES  
The Associated Press

TORONTO — A man accused of attacking a Chinese student in her Toronto apartment as her ex-boyfriend watched via webcam from China was convicted Monday of first-degree murder.

The jury deliberated for four hours before delivering its verdict against Brian Dickson, 32. Justice Anne Molloy imposed a life sentence with a chance of parole after 25 years.

Liu Qian, 23, was found dead in April 2011, a few hours after her former boyfriend in China watched via webcam as she tried to fend off an attacker who appeared at her door. The boyfriend told police he saw Liu struggling with a man before her computer was shut off.

Liu's parents traveled from China for the trial.

"We are still very sad," Liu Jianhui said after hearing the verdict through a translator. His wife clutched a picture of their daughter and cried silently.

Dickson offered to plead guilty to manslaughter, but the prosecution rejected the lesser charge.

Dickson lived in a apartment in the same building as Liu, who had moved to Canada from China to study English. Her boyfriend, Meng Xian, testified that Dickson forced his way inside the apartment while Liu was pushing at his chest and saying "no." Meng said Dickson pushed Liu down off camera and after the sound of two muffled bangs, he heard no more sounds from Liu.

After a period of silence, Meng said he heard Dickson breathing heavily, and moments later he appeared naked in front of the webcam and turned off the computer.

The jury saw video and photographs of Liu's body, lying face down next to her bed, with her nightgown and sweater pulled up to her shoulders. Blood could be seen on the floor around her face. The prosecutor said semen found on Liu's abdomen and groin area matched DNA evidence collected from Dickson.

Police said Liu's laptop computer, webcam and mobile phone were taken from the apartment the night of the attack. Police said the online chat was on a live streaming camera and was not recorded.



YOUSSEF BANI/AP

**Health workers teach people about the Ebola virus and how to prevent infection on Monday in Conakry, Guinea.**

## Ebola deaths top 100

The Associated Press

CONAKRY, Guinea — Officials say more than 100 people have died in an outbreak of Ebola in West Africa, where the disease may have infected as many as 175 people.

The outbreak of Ebola, which causes internal and external bleeding and is almost always fatal, began last month in Sakoba Keita of Guinea's Health Ministry said Tuesday that there

are 151 suspected and confirmed cases of the disease, and 98 people have died. The World Health Organization says Liberia has recorded 10 deaths and 21 cases.

There are also signs officials are beginning to slow Ebola's spread. Ghana reported tests on a suspected case were negative. The WHO says Sierra Leone has ruled out Ebola in two suspected cases, and two of Mali's six suspected cases have been cleared.

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# OPINION

## Letterman retirement not suprising

By ROBERT LLOYD  
Los Angeles Times

In a flurry of unexpected tweets and hastily assembled blog posts, the news went out across America and the world last Thursday that David Letterman is retiring from CBS' "Late Show," which he has hosted for 21 years, sometime in 2015 or, as he put it, "2015, the love of God."

The first report came, reportedly, from Mike Mills, formerly the bassist of R.E.M., who was on the "Late Show" set to play behind musical guest Joseph Arthur and heard Letterman's unexpected announcement. He duly sent it sailing into the thick of social media.

The Internet went wild — typical! — and CBS, which might have expected such a chain of events, quickly made a clip of Letterman's announcement available to the online world.

A statement from Les Moonves followed, praising the host's "greatness," his "wit, gravitas and brilliance" and their "terrific friendship" — a long relationship to which Letterman also referred on-air. Letterman is about to turn 67 — that impending event, and a lot of other career math (21 years on CBS, 32 in late-night TV, 6,000-some shows) formed the lead-in to the big news.

Given his age, and perhaps especially given that he is the father of a 10-year-old, and perhaps also given that he is a 10-year-old's father who has had a quintuple bypass, there was nothing deeply surprising about the announcement. There was the usual small shock when a big thing you knew was coming finally comes. But you will have plenty of time to work yourself through the five stages of grief. (Or just skip straight to acceptance.)

The studio audience, hearing the news, hardly reacted — they greeted it, to my hearing, with silence, stunned or skeptical, though it should have been clear from the buildup what was coming.

Letterman, who is a publicly thoughtful person — he is perhaps funniest when he is the most forthcoming — spoke of the passage of time and told a long story about a fishing trip with his son and subsequently trying to identify a bird they photographed there.

"So that's when I started thinking in terms of how long does a guy want to do a TV show — if you spend most of your day trying to ID birds, should you really be running a network TV show?"

Eventually there were laughs ("What this means now is that Paul and I can get married," Letterman said of band leader Paul Shaffer) and a standing ovation. "Wrapping things up and taking a hike" is how he described their eventual, though not imminent, departure.

Letterman did not seem to be suffering any trauma — if anything, he looked exhilarated. It was practically certain that, given their tangled history and well-documented if largely out-of-view battle for the Iron Throne — I mean the "Tonight Show" desk — he would not leave his post before Jay Leno departed his. But that obstacle has been removed, or removed himself, to play casinos. If it is hard to imagine a similar show business coda for Letterman — whose name so conveniently alternatively chimed his rival's — it is perhaps because it's easy to imagine he has a life outside it.

It felt significant that there was, as Letterman told it, hardly any time between his phoning Moonves "just before the program" to say he'd be leaving and his telling the audience. While he has never seemed needy of their approval, particularly, he has lived in their presence for three decades, and his announcement felt familiar;

he has owned to personal failings in their presence and talked them through some shared difficult moments, as big as 9/11 and as personal as the looming death of friend of the show and sometime substitute band leader Warren Zevon.

It took only slightly longer than the typing for the lists and listicles to appear online nominating replacement hosts, with special regard to candidates who would break the de facto sex and color barrier among hosts — that is, who would be other than a white (straight, for that matter) male.

That results in part from the glacially slow turnover in late night network television. (It's hard not to endorse such a change here in the second decade of the 21st century; the next white male host is going to look really white and male.) Much of this blue-skying is just thought experiment or a way to shout out to a favorite comedian with little regard to the particular requirements of the job. There surely will be much studying of the question before a plume of white smoke rises over CBS headquarters.

It has also been suggested (they are coming fast, the suggestions) that this juncture may be one in which to bring radical change in a mere over-arching way to late night — change more different than Jimmy Fallon's "Tonight Show" is from Jay Leno's, which, for all its improvements still cycles through its studio celebrities with something to sell. (In four words: Ditch the talk show.) But just as it is always hoped a new president will change the old Washington, and can't, or won't, big show business institutions are full of inertia. A show like "The Late Show" is the only way CBS can regularly put A-list movie stars and big-name pop artists on television, and they are not going to be in any hurry to lose that.

Craig Ferguson, whose "Late Late Show" follows "Late Show" (and is produced by Letterman's Worldwide Pants), would be in the new traditional rule of succession be next in line for the part; but he seems temperamentally unsuited for a job that would require him to appear to care, at least a little, about the promotional conventions of industrial show business. (Letterman could always split the difference.) He is an old punk rock drummer at heart.

But that is all for 2015, sometime. The choice of a replacement or a new direction will inevitably be something to argue about until time proves it apt or inept, and possibly even after that.

Meanwhile, the light at the end of the tunnel may make for Letterman's best year in a while. But even if we admit that he could seem less than engaged of late, or just guilty of the sin of growing old in a business that worships youth — he has grown into that "You kids get off my lawn" stuff — Letterman is still one of the most interesting people on television: smart, clownish, casually revealing (within bounds), compulsively honest, curious where curiosity is merited, up on the important stuff, clearly complicated and 100 percent authentic Dave.



## OPINION

# Foundation should oppose Redskins name

By BRIAN CLADOOSY

Daniel Snyder's announcement last month that he had formed a new foundation to benefit Native Americans was a clear acknowledgment of years of evasion of the most pressing concerns of Indian country by the pro football franchise he owns. While it was a positive first step, the creation of this foundation will be significant only if it remains standing long after the name of the Snyder's team is retired.

In our past, Native communities have received blankets, coats, trinkets, donations and the uninvited sympathy of those who see us only as an inferior people. These contributions can be helpful, but they are like putting a Band-Aid on a broken leg — they do nothing to solve the underlying problem. We have learned to be suspicious of gifts that stem from selfish interests, come wrapped in claims of generosity and serve to distract from the real problems at hand.

We have many non-Native friends — businesses, organizations and foundations — that partner with us. Our greatest successes have come when our allies respect our sovereignty, listen to us and do what they can to support our self-determination. While some in Indian country may have been welcoming to Snyder, it is our way to be gracious to friend and foe alike. He should not confuse that with approval of his team's name.

The invisibility of Native peoples and the lack of positive images of Native cultures may not register as a problem for many Americans, but it poses a significant challenge for Native youth who want to maintain a foundation in their culture and language. The Washington team's brand — a name derived from historical terms

for hunting native peoples — is a central component to this challenge.

It seems quite clear that Snyder's foundation will do little to address the problems that the R-word brand compounds daily: racial inequality and a lack of understanding of the place of native people in our society, especially the youth.

These youths are an especially vulnerable population. Many are at a disadvantage because their communities lack basic infrastructure. Before dealing with the challenges of career development and higher education, they must overcome life without phone service, Internet access or even running water. The rate of suicide among Native youth is the highest among all American young people. Studies show the use of American Indian-based names, mascots and logos in sports has a negative psychological effect on Native peoples and positive psychological consequences for European Americans.

Snyder has stated that his foundation will address issues facing Native youths, so we call on this new multimillion-dollar organization to advocate for a simple solution to address what many of the nation's leading Native youth-advocacy organizations have called for: the end of derogatory mascot imagery in our communities, media and culture. From that point forward, the organization will be able to spend its money even more effectively to address other institutional sources of racism and violence.

If the foundation does not address this issue, it will be clear that its works are win-win dressing to cover the team's decades of racism against blacks and Native Americans alike.

Snyder, his team and the NFL are welcome to join Indian country as allies and



MICHAEL AINSWORTH, DALLAS MORNING NEWS/MCT

Dallas Cowboys cornerback Orlando Scandrick (32) tackles Washington Redskins wide receiver Pierre Garçon (88) during a game in December at FedEx Field in Landover, Md.

partners, but only when they make their most significant contribution up front: Retire the name of this team. Only then will we truly know Snyder's commitment to Indian country, to Native youth and to a future where tribal nations and our people are treated as equal to all other Americans.

Until the team's name is changed, every week during football season, American youths around the country — whether Native American or not — will watch Washington football fans dressed as "savage" Indians and wearing "redface" and conclude that it's acceptable to defame and

mock Native people. This will create another generation of Americans who think Native peoples are less than others, are characters and caricatures out of the past and are not due the rights promised to all.

Mr. Snyder, the NFL, the Washington football team and now Mr. Snyder's foundation, we call on you to bring an end to the era of harmful Indian mascots. Change the name and join us in moving Indian country and America forward, together.

Brian Cladoosy is president of the National Congress of American Indians.

## Sometimes it's better to quit than to prove your grit

By ALFIE KOHN

Cognitive ability isn't the only quality that determines how well children fare in school, let alone in life. Dan Goleman reminded us of that almost 20 years ago in his book "Emotional Intelligence," emphasizing the impact of self-awareness, altruism, personal motivation, empathy, and the ability to love and be loved.

But a funny thing has happened to the message since then. When you hear about the limits of intelligence these days, it's usually in the context of a conservative account that features not altruism or empathy but something very much like the Protestant work ethic. More than smarts, we're told, what kids need to succeed is old-fashioned self-discipline and willpower, persistence and the ability to defer gratification. They have to be able to resist temptation, to put off doing what they enjoy in order to grind through whatever they've been told to do — and keep at it for as long as it takes.

Emblematic of this shift is Paul Tough's recent bestseller "How Children Succeed," which opens with a declaration that what matters most for children are qualities such as "persistence, self-control, curiosity, conscientiousness, grit and self-confidence." But Tough barely mentions curiosity or confidence after that. It's self-control and grit that occupy him for much of the book.

And it's grit — defined by its most prominent proponent, University of Pennsylvania psychologist Angela Duckworth, as "the tendency to sustain perseverance and passion for challenging long-term goals" — that has been greeted with a degree of breathless enthusiasm unmatched since,

well, the last social science craze.

The inner-city charter school chain KIPP has integrated the idea of grit into its teacher training. So have the Lenox Academy for Gifted Middle School Students in Brooklyn, as NPR recently reported. Every school in one Houston area district will "emphasize grit through a district-wide set of expectations and lessons," according to the Pearland Independent School District news release. ASCD, a prominent international education organization based in Alexandria, published a book last summer called "Fostering Grit."

Yet the heart of what's being disseminated is a notion drummed into us by Aesop's fables, Benjamin Franklin's aphorisms, Christened in the centuries of sloth and the 19th-century chant, "at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

The problems with grit, however, go well beyond the fact that it's not exactly a fresh idea. To begin with, not everything is worth doing, let alone doing for extended periods, and not everyone who works hard is pursuing something worthwhile. As the evidence speculates, the concept of grit turns out to be dubious, as does the evidence cited to support it. Persistence can actually backfire and distract from more important goals.

Emphasizing grit is usually justified as a way to boost academic achievement, which sounds commendable. Indeed, research has found that more A's are given to students who report that they put off doing what they enjoy until they finish their homework. Another pair of studies found that middle-schoolers who qualified for the National Spelling Bee performed better in that competition than those who were "grit," whereas spellers higher in openness to experience,

defined as preferring using their imagination, playing with ideas, and otherwise enjoying a complex mental life," did worse.

But what should we make of these findings? If enjoying a complex mental life interferes with performance in a contest to see who can spell the most obscure words correctly, is that really an argument for grit? And when kids persist and get good grades, are they just responding to the message that when they do what they've been told they'll be rewarded by those who told them to do it? Interestingly, separate research, including two studies Duckworth cites to argue that self-discipline predicts academic performance, showed that students with high grades tend to be more conformist than creative. That seems to undermine not only the case for grit but for using grades as markers of success.

There's other evidence that grit isn't always desirable. Gritty people sometimes exhibit what psychologists call "nonproductive persistence." They try, try again, though the result may be either unremitting failure or "a costly or inefficient success that could have been easily surpassed by alternative courses of action," as Dean McFarlin and his colleagues put it in the Journal of Personality. Even if you don't crash and burn by staying the course, you may not fare nearly as well as if you had stopped, reassessed and tried something else.

Moreover, grit may adversely affect not only decisions but the people who make them. Following a yearlong study of adolescents, Canadian researchers Gregory Miller and Carsten Wrosch concluded that those "who can disengage from unattainable goals enjoy better well-being ... and experience fewer symptoms of everyday

illness than do people who have difficulty disengaging from unattainable goals."

Yet proponents of grit promote the notion that hard things are worth doing just because they're hard. They're also more focused on behaviors than motives, rarely asking: Do kids love what they're doing? Or are they driven by a desperate (and anxiety-provoking) need to prove their competence?

Take a moment to reflect on other goals one might have for children — for example, to lead lives that are psychologically healthy, fulfilling and moral. Those objectives would almost certainly lead to prescriptions quite different from "do one thing and never give up." And for anyone who favors breadth and variety, no reason has been offered to prefer a life of specialization — or to endorse the idea of grit, which is rooted less in research than in personal preference.

Finally, the concept isn't just philosophically conservative in its premise but also politically conservative in its consequences. The more we focus on trying to instill grit, the less likely we'll be to question larger policies and institutions.

Rather than putting so much stock in grit, we should remind kids that what matters isn't just how long you persist, but why you do so, and that sometimes continuing what you're doing represents the path of least resistance. It can take guts to cut your losses and move on. Those messages are as important as the usefulness of perseverance.

Alfie Kohn is the author of "The Myth of the Spoiled Child: Challenging the Conventional Wisdom About Children and Parenting," from which this essay is adapted.



## NATION



An infant grasps volunteer Kathleen Jones' hand in the neonatal intensive care unit at the University of Chicago's Comer Children's Hospital.

MARTHA IRVINE/AP

# Providing cuddle comfort

## Volunteers at several US hospitals soothe babies too sick, tiny to go home

By LINDSEY TANNER  
The Associated Press

**A**t the University of Chicago's Comer Children's Hospital and several other hospitals around the U.S., strangers offer a simple yet powerful service for newborns too tiny or sick to go home.

When nurses are swamped with other patients and parents cannot make it to the hospital, grandmas, empty-nesters, college students and other volunteers step in. They hold the babies, swaddle them, sing and coo to them, rock them, and treat them as if they were their own.

A plaintive cry signals time to get to work.

"You can see them calm, you can see their heart rate drop, you can see their little brows relax," said Kathleen Jones, 52, a cuddler at the Chicago hospital. "They're fighting so hard and they're undergoing all this medical drama and trauma. My heart breaks for them a little bit."

Newborn intensive care units are noisy, stressful environments. There are babies born extremely prematurely, or with birth defects and other illnesses. Some are too sick to be held — but not too sick to touch. Cuddlers reach a finger inside their incubators and stroke tiny bare bellies.

Scientific evidence on benefits



COURTESY OF THE STEADMAN FAMILY/AP

**Evelyn Steadman sleeps in the neonatal intensive care unit at the University of Chicago's Comer Children's Hospital shortly after her birth last August. Evelyn was born with brain damage due to cytomegalovirus.**

of cuddling programs is scarce, but the benefits of human touch are well-known. In one study, gentle caressing or placing a hand on preterm infants reduced levels of stress hormones. Other recent studies have suggested touch may benefit preemies' heart rates and sleep and perhaps even shorten their hospital stays.

Studies also suggest that early negative experiences — including pain, stress and separation from other humans — may hamper brain development, while research

in animals shows that positive interactions enhance brain growth, said Dr. Jerry Schwartz, medical director of medical neonatology at Torrance Memorial Medical Center near Los Angeles.

The benefit "at the most superficial level" is obvious, he said. "A baby is crying, mom's not there, the nurse is busy with other sick babies and it's an unpleasant life experience to be crying and untended to — and, *voilà!* A cuddler comes over and the baby stops crying."

Nancy Salcido has been a cuddler at the Torrance center for a year. Her two daughters are grown, and she considers her three-hour cuddling shifts good practice for any potential grandchildren.

"I just kind of hold them close to me ... and talk to them, sharing my day, or give them little pep talks," Salcido said. "One of the nurses has nicknamed me the baby whisperer."

Parents typically must consent for their babies to be part of cuddling programs, and cuddlers must undergo background checks and training before starting the job. At Chicago's Comer hospital, that includes lessons in how to swaddle babies tight to make them feel safe and how to maneuver around intravenous lines, as well as instruction in hygiene including frequent hand-washing.

At the Golisano Children's Hospital in Rochester, N.Y., one cuddler is a young man born there prematurely long ago. He "just wants to come and give back," said Chris Tryon, a child life specialist at the hospital, part of the University of Rochester Medical Center.

Comer's cuddlers include Frank Dertz, 74, a retired carpenter who heard about the program from his daughter, a Comer nurse.

"It's quite a blessing for me. I get more out of it than the babies, I think," Dertz said.

Kathleen Jones said the same

thing. A mother of three grown daughters and grandmother of two little girls, she joined Comer's program in 2012, working a couple afternoons a week or sometimes at night.

"They say that I look so in love with them when I'm there, but I cannot NOT crack an ear-to-ear smile whenever I pick that little guy or girl up."

Her love seems obvious as she rocks a stranger's newborn, the baby girl's tiny hand gripping Jones' finger.

"Ooh, I want to take you home," Jones cooed. "You're so brave. ... You're going to be feisty, aren't you?"

Jones used to wonder why parents or other relatives aren't comforting their own babies. But then in August, her youngest grandchild was born deaf, with brain damage doctors say was caused by a virus her mom contracted before birth. Evelyn Steadman spent her first three weeks at Comer and got cuddling care while she was there.

While family members visited often, "life happens, and you can't sit by a bedside for three weeks," Jones said.

Erica Steadman had had a C-section and already had her hands full with a toddler at home.

"She was being held and loved and watched over," she said. "I felt a great sense of relief from that."

## WIRED WORLD



PHOTOS BY RON HARRIS/AP

A Narrative Clip life-logging device is attached to a shirt collar April 2 in Atlanta.

# Life in motion



A dog's life is documented with a Narrative Clip. The small, wearable camera takes a photo automatically every 30 seconds.

## Narrative Clip logs your daily routine in photos

BY RON HARRIS  
The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Ever had one of those “Gosh, I wish I had a camera” moments when something novel happens in your life? The Narrative Clip is a small, wearable camera that makes an attempt to capture some of those fleeting moments automatically.

The \$279 square device clips on to your shirt collar or jacket pocket and takes a photo automatically every 30 seconds. That's more than 2,800 per day if you have it on around the clock.

The Narrative Clip doesn't have a shutter button or an on/off switch. It's just always on, always logging moments in your life.

It turns off only if you put it in your pocket, face down on a table or in a drawer. The battery lasts two days, but I threw it in a drawer at night so it never ran out of juice for me.

I wore the device for more than two weeks and got a middling mix of odd moments in line at Starbucks, blurred shots from a drive in my car and an occasional gem of my dog pulling me on a walk. Interesting moments indeed, but perhaps not crucial to re-live.

To view photos, I simply sync the device with a personal computer using a USB cable. Images are stored on your hard drive, and you can view them on your PC anytime.

You can also have copies stored through the device's online storage ser-

vice. That's free for one year, but \$9 plus tax per month after that. The online service will let you browse your life moments through an app for iPhones and Android phones.

The mobile app is pretty slick. It's a breeze to swipe along a ribbon of thumbnails near the bottom and enlarge chosen moments for closer inspection. I'm able to share any of those photos from the app to Facebook and Twitter.

The quality of the photos varies depending on lighting, motion and the occasional blockage from my shirt collar. The majority of the shots taken with the device's 5 megapixel camera were blurry and comparable to an entry-level pocket digital camera.

Furthermore, most moments I had hoped it would capture didn't happen exactly as the shutter snapped every 30 seconds. Only a few did.

This, however, is life in motion. I move. I drive. I walk my dog. I even clipped the Narrative Clip onto my dog's harness for a while and let him document his life. I put the clip on a ledge near my home office window and let it capture a 30-second interval time-lapse of the morning sun.

The Narrative Clip doesn't position itself as

the answer to all photographic needs. It couldn't.

More to its stated goal, the small, square camera with a silver clip on the back is a travel buddy. It takes the odd shot of the odd moment and lets you browse through the images chronologically. There's no search function.

The Narrative Clip doesn't solve anything, but it offers something: a new and interesting perspective of my daily habits.

It taught me that I sit too much, jaywalk too much, tend to avoid crowds and go to Starbucks a lot. These are moments that I would have never thought to take a photo of, but they are part of my existence, now recorded in imagery.

In all, the Narrative Clip is a polished attempt at doing what we don't always have time to do: chronicle our lives.





# AMERICAN ROUNDUP

## Case quacked: Intruder turns out to be a duck

**MA** NORTH READING — Police in Massachusetts responding to reports of an intruder in a woman's home quickly quacked the case.

A North Reading woman called police from her upstairs bedroom Saturday to report that she heard loud banging noises downstairs and feared someone had broken into her home.

Officers who responded found no sign of a break-in.

During a quick search of the home, police found a soot-covered wood duck. Police said it appears the duck got in through the chimney.

An officer caught the duck and released it into a nearby pond.

## Man arrested trying to sneak into golf course

**GA** AUGUSTA — Police said a man was arrested when he tried to get into Augusta National Golf Club in his vehicle.

The Augusta Chronicle reported that Joseph John Murphy, 50, tried to access the famed course around 8:40 p.m. Saturday.

Sgt. Glen Rahn said Murphy left promptly after being told he was not allowed to enter the famed course where the Masters Tournament is being played this week.

Authorities said Murphy returned in his vehicle about 10 minutes later and bypassed the security guard. Rahn said Murphy was then stopped by Richmond County sheriff's deputies, who arrested him on a criminal trespass charge.

## 2 toddlers rescued from roof of home

**IN** COLUMBUS — Firefighters rescued two toddlers who had crawled out a window onto the roof of their family's central Indiana home.

Columbus fire Capt. Mike Wilson said crews were called to the home Sunday after a 911 caller reported seeing the children on the roof. Firefighters used a ladder to climb onto the roof over a front room of the house to reach the 2-year-olds and carry them down.

Wilson told The Republic that medics determined the children were fine despite being outside in the 50-degree weather.

Police Lt. Matt Myers said the parents told officers they had put the children in a crib for a nap and thought they were asleep, but they somehow opened a window and climbed out.

He said no charges have been filed against the parents.

## Trooper: Mom hit 123 mph with kids in car

**ME** SACO — State police said a Cornish woman with her two children in the backseat was arrested after driving 123 mph on the Maine Turnpike.

Troopers said Cheryl Gilson, 24, was charged Sunday with criminal speed, driving to endanger and endangering the welfare of her children, ages 3 and 5. She was released on \$250 cash bail.

Public Safety Department



GINGER PERRY, THE WINCHESTER (Va.) STAR/AP

## Planting 'Pinwheels for Prevention'

**Tamara Ferguson, left, a teacher at Fremont Street Nursery, helps student Isaiah Goggins plant pinwheels in the pinwheel garden on the campus of Our Health in Winchester, Va., on Thursday. Healthy Families, of the Northern Shenandoah Valley, "planted" 1,300 pinwheels to kick off the Pinwheels for Prevention campaign for National Child Abuse Prevention Month.**

spokesman Steve McCausland said it took Trooper Roger Teachout at least 10 miles to run down the car in Portland because of the high speed at which it was traveling. Three young men also were in the car, but they weren't charged.

## Probation extended for costumed crime fighter

**MI** FLINT — A one-time costumed crime fighter who took a step on the wrong side of the law will spend more time on probation.

MLive.com reported that a Genesee County judge has added

a year to Adam Besso's sentence. He now is to stay on probation until Aug. 6, 2015.

Besso, 38, has gone by the nickname "Bee Sting." He pleaded guilty in 2012 to attempted assault with a weapon following a disturbance at a Flint-area mobile home park.

Terms of his probation prohibit Besso from wearing his costume or going by "Bee Sting."

He pleaded guilty in February to leaving Michigan without his probation officer's permission. Besso also was cited for driving illegally and identifying himself online as "Bee Sting," wearing a mask and a crime-fighting costume.

## No Mexican for you: Taco chain 'bans' Putin

**NY** BUFFALO — Hey, Putin, don't even think about ordering a Super Mighty in Buffalo.

Mighty Taco, a Buffalo-based chain of Mexican fast-food restaurants, has banned Russian President Vladimir Putin from all of the company's 23 locations in western New York.

The company, known for its quirky ads, announced on social media last week that effective immediately, Putin is banned from Mighty Taco for seizing Crimea from Ukraine. The company's

## THE CENSUS

# \$200

**The amount paid by a Pennsylvania woman for her sewer bill — in coins.**

Officials in Millcreek Township, along with its water and sewer authorities, have since adopted a policy limiting how much change they'll accept from residents paying sewer bills and other fees. David Sterrett, executive director of the authorities, told the Erie Times-News that it took four employees an hour to count and sort the money and put it in paper sleeves.



posting says Putin may be ordering around Crimea, but he won't be ordering a Super Mighty, one of the chain's most popular menu items.

The posting, which features a red-tinted photo of a gesticulating Putin, says he'll be "welcomed back" at Mighty Taco when he stops acting like a bully and "picking on people."

## Woman calls police with drug quality complaint

**TX** LUFKIN — Police in East Texas have arrested a woman after she called them to complain about the quality of the marijuana she had purchased from a dealer.

Lufkin police Sgt. David Casper said an officer went to the home of Evelyn Hamilton, 37, to hear her complain that the dealer refused to give her money back after she objected to the drug's quality.

Casper said she pulled the small amount of marijuana from her bra when the officer asked if she still had it.

She was arrested March 28 on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia.

Hamilton said she spent \$40 on "seeds and residue." She said she called police when she got no satisfaction from the dealer's family.

## Woman pleads not guilty in bar shooting

**AZ** PHOENIX — A woman accused of fatally shooting a man and injuring another man outside a central Phoenix bar has pleaded not guilty.

A Maricopa County Superior Court spokeswoman said Jessica Wood, 29, entered her plea Monday morning. She is charged in a March 21 shooting outside Zipp's Sports Grill.

According to police, she approached two men and opened fire without provocation.

Thomas Allen Marcussen was fatally wounded, while James Swain was shot but survived.

From wire reports



## FACES

# Marvelous role

## 'Captain America' superhero part 'epic' for Mackie

By JESSICA HERNDON  
The Associated Press

For Anthony Mackie, landing the role of the Falcon in "Captain America: The Winter Soldier" meant more than inking his dream deal with Marvel.

"When I heard I got the role, I broke down in tears," Mackie said in a recent interview. "I realized two years from that date some little brown boy was going to be at my door in a Falcon costume on Halloween. When I was a kid, I didn't have that. It wasn't like I could get asked, 'Who do you want to be for Halloween?' and say Shaft. Being the Falcon is monumental."

Working with Marvel has been a longtime goal for Mackie, although he imagined playing a villain, not a superhero. "I wanted to be like the Joker and get my Heath Ledger on," he said. "I would send Marvel an email, like every four to five months. I was calling saying, 'I'll work for free.' About two years ago they sent me a letter saying, 'Don't call us, we'll call you.' I was like 'Damn — Marvel mad at me.'"

Roughly six months before filming began on "The Winter Soldier" in April 2013, directors Anthony and Joe Russo offered Mackie a role in the comic-book adaptation.

"It was epic," recalls Mackie, who admits he didn't know much about the character Sam Wilson, who becomes the Falcon, one of the first African-American superheroes in a mainstream comic.

Anthony Mackie as Falcon in "Captain America: The Winter Soldier."

Marvel-Disney

"I read up on him and immediately got into the gym," he added with a laugh. "I thought, if I am wearing that much spandex, I have to be in shape."

The Falcon will likely become the role for which the 35-year-old Mackie is most known. But it was his portrayal of a bomb disposal team sergeant in Kathryn Bigelow's Oscar-winning war thriller "The Hurt Locker" that paved the way for mainstream success.

"Both his roles in 'Confessions of a Shopaholic' and 'The Hurt Locker' showed him to be an actor of real weight," said "Winter Soldier" executive producer Nate Moore. "When we were looking to cast the role of Sam Wilson, we knew we wanted an actor who would feel like an equal to Steve Rogers (Chris Evans). We'd kicked some names back and forth, but none of the names ever rose above the first we discussed — Anthony Mackie. One day we met Anthony in person, we were sold. He charmed us."

Growing up in New Orleans, acting was the last thing on Mackie's mind. The self-professed troublemaker said he probably would have been on Ritalin in today's world. "But I had this great teacher who introduced me to Shakespeare, which opened my eyes to a different idea of who I could be."

He suffered a blow at 15, when his mother died. Mackie's inheritance after his mother's estate was split among him and his five siblings was \$550. He used \$542 to travel to New York to audition for Juilliard — and got in.

"It confirmed to me that I had the ability to do this and make a living at it," he recalled.

It also offered him the chance to turn his anger into positive energy after her death.

"The greatest blessing that she could have given me was letting me become my own man," he said. "Once I got into school, everything took off."

While at Juilliard, he was cast in Eminem's hit biopic "8 Mile." He's since appeared in more than 30 movies, from indie flicks to big-budget, all-star films.

He's one of a select group of black actors who are consistently cast in major films. Mackie is well aware of the burden faced by minorities in Hollywood, but he describes it as another hurdle in life that has to be navigated.

"In this business specifically, race plays such a daunting role in our life because so many of my friends, who are 10 times more talented than I am, they aren't working. There aren't enough roles for them. It is simply because they are black, Latino or Asian actors. I think that's slowly changing and evolving," he said.

"I think as we support more our opportunities grow. Look at the cover of Vanity Fair. Look at the Oscars. Michael B. Jordan is treading these waters easily right now. I think a lot of that has to do with the actors who came before him and busted their heads against the wall over and over again."

Mackie hopes to tell the story of another pioneer who helped break down barriers for African-Americans, though not in acting — that of Olympic gold medalist Jesse Owens. It's a passion project that he hopes to complete in the near future.

"The great thing about the Falcon is, it's put me in a position to where people are willing to have those conversations about Jesse Owens," he said. "I feel like it's a story that has to be told."

Like his perseverance with Marvel, Mackie attests that if given an opportunity, he'll flourish. "That has been my motto in life," he added. "If you let me in the door, then I'm there to stay."

## Erratic performance makes King fans blue

From wire reports

At 88, blues guitarist B.B. King is a living legend and a Rock and Roll Hall of Famer. Slowed by age and infirmity, including diabetes, King continues to tour, with sometimes painful results.

In St. Louis, some fans are singing the blues after an erratic weekend performance led to a stream of audience catcalls and early departures.

Concertgoers said King's rambling Friday night set featured just a handful of complete songs and meandering musical snippets, long-winded soliloquies, an 8-piece backup band that missed its cues and a 15-minute sing-along of "You Are My Sunshine."

"Is he a living legend? Absolutely. Do I love his music? You bet," said Larry Goldstein, who paid \$150 for a pair of tickets. "But when you're paying that type of money, you expect to see a show."

The experience highlights an increasingly common occurrence as musicians in their 70s and 80s take the stage in front of nostalgic audiences.

A recent St. Louis concert by 87-year-old rock 'n' roll pioneer Chuck Berry also was marked by missed chords, forgotten lyrics and a backing band's persistent efforts to cover Berry's missteps.

Brad Goodman, King's Los Angeles-based agent at William Morris Endeavor Entertainment, declined to comment through an assistant.

### Another arrest for accused Gomez stalker

A man arrested twice in one week at Selena Gomez's house was charged Monday with felony stalking and violating a court order to stay away from the singer-actress.

Che Cruz, 20, pleaded not guilty to the charges Monday afternoon, and his bail was set at \$160,000. He was arrested Friday after he returned to Gomez's home in Calabasas, Calif., just hours after he was released from jail in a case in which he was ordered to stay



SARAH CONARD, ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH/AP

Some fans were singing the blues after seeing B.B. King on Friday night in St. Louis.

away from her.

The Los Angeles district attorney's office said Cruz jumped the fence at Gomez's home before his second arrest.

If convicted, he faces up to four years in prison. He is due back in court on April 17.

### Other news

■ Model and media personality Peaches Geldof, the second daughter of Irish singer Bob Geldof and member of a talented, troubled family who grew up in the glare of Britain's tabloid press, was found dead Monday at age 25. There was no immediate word on the cause of Geldof's death at her home in Wrotham, Kent, south-east England, but police called it "unexplained and sudden."

■ Conan O'Brien is looking to get a jump on the Dave, Jimmy and Jimmy talk by announcing his own late-night move next summer. He's going to become the first late-night host to broadcast his show from San Diego's Comic-Con International. "Conan" will be in San Diego in 2015, doing the TBS show from the Spreckels Theatre from July 8-12.

## Bryan, Cena victorious at WrestleMania 30



JONATHAN BACHMAN/AP Images for WWE

Daniel Bryan celebrates after winning the main event during WrestleMania 30 on Sunday night in New Orleans.

Hulk Hogan presided over a surprise-filled 30th version of "WrestleMania" on April 6 at the Superdome in New Orleans.

WWE superstar Triple H was defeated by crowd favorite Daniel Bryan in opening match of WrestleMania 30. Bryan then went on to win the WWE World Heavyweight Championship.

In the night's shocker, Brock Lesnar defeated The Undertaker, ending his 21-consecutive match WrestleMania winning streak.

John Cena got his second consecutive WrestleMania victory with a defeat of Bray Wyatt.

Cesaro won the Battle Royal — named for Andre the Giant this year for the first time — by heaving the sizable Big Show over the top rope.

From The Associated Press

## BUSINESS/WEATHER

## Microsoft ending support of XP

By BREE FOWLER  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Microsoft was to end support for the persistently popular Windows XP on Tuesday, and with an estimated 30 percent of businesses and consumers still using the 12-year-old operating system, the move could put everything from the operations of heavy industry to the identities of everyday people in danger.

"What once was considered low-hanging fruit by hackers now has a big neon bull's eye on it," said Patrick Thomas, a security consultant at the San Jose, Calif.-based firm Neohapsis.

Microsoft has released a handful of Windows operating systems since 2001, but XP's popularity and the durability of the computers it was installed on kept it around longer than expected. Analysts say that if a PC is more than 5 years old, chances are it's running XP.

While users can still run XP after Tuesday, Microsoft says it will no longer provide new security updates, issued fixes to non-security related problems or offer online technical content updates.

The Redmond, Wash.-based company says it will provide anti-malware-related updates through July 14, 2015, but warns that the tweaks could be of limited help on an outdated operating system.

Most industry observers say they recognize that the time for Microsoft to end support for such a dated system has come, but the move poses both security and operational risks for the remaining users.

In addition to home computers, XP is used to run everything from water treatment facilities and power plants to small businesses like doctor's offices.

Thomas says XP appealed to a wide variety of people and businesses that saw it as a reliable workhorse and many chose to

stick with it instead of upgrading to Windows Vista, Windows 7 or 8.

Thomas notes that companies that don't like risk, generally don't like change. As a result, companies most likely to still be using XP include banks and financial services companies, along with health care providers. He also pointed to schools from the university level down, saying that they often don't have enough money to fund equipment upgrades.

Marcin Kleczynski, CEO of Malwarebytes, said that without patches to fix bugs in the software XP PCs will be prone to freezing up and crashing, while the absence of updated security related protections make the computers susceptible to hackers.

He added that future security patches released for Microsoft's newer systems will serve as a way for nefarious people to breach

now-unprotected Windows XP computers.

"It's going to be interesting to say the least," he said. "There are plenty of black hats out there that are looking for the first vulnerability and will be looking at Windows 7 and 8 to find those vulnerabilities. And if you're able to find a vulnerability in XP, it's pretty much a silver key."

Those weaknesses can affect businesses both large and small.

## EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (April 9)	\$1.4158
Dollar buys (April 9)	€0.7063
British pound (April 9)	£1.72
Japanese yen (April 9)	¥101.00
South Korean won (April 9)	₩1,028.00

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	BD 0.3770
British pound	£1.6744
Canada (dollar)	C\$1.0942
China (Yuan)	¥6.1970
Denmark (Krone)	DKK 6.4112
Egypt (Pound)	EGP 0.6770
Euro	€1.3798/£0.7248
Hong Kong (dollar)	HK\$ 7.7544
Hungary (Forint)	HUF 220.76
Israel (Sheqel)	₪3.4797
Japan (Yen)	¥102.18
Kuwait (Dinar)	KD 0.2815
Norway (Krone)	NOK 5.9752
Philippines (Peso)	₱44.77
Poland (Zloty)	PLN 3.02
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	SAR 3.7596
Singapore (Dollar)	S\$1.2533
South Korea (Won)	₩1,048.30
Switzerland (Franc)	CHF 0.8840
Thailand (Baht)	฿32.31
Turkey (Lira)	₺1.0944

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonmilitary currency exchange rates (i.e., check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollar-to-euro.)

## INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	4.75
Federal funds market rate	0.05
3-month bill	0.02
30-year bond	3.56

## MARKET WATCH

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Dow Jones Industrials	-166.84
Nasdaq composite	-47.97
Standard & Poor's 500	-20.05
Russell 2000	-17.60
	1,135.78

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

## WEDNESDAY IN THE MIDDLE EAST



## WEDNESDAY IN EUROPE



## THURSDAY IN THE PACIFIC



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

## Wednesday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Able, Texas	83	46	Cl	Chatanooga	65	45	Cl	Fort Wayne	56	32	PCldy	Louisville	60	39	Cl
Akron, Ohio	52	34	PCldy	Cheyenne	68	41	Cl	Fresno	87	60	PCldy	Lubbock	84	44	Cl
Albany, N.Y.	49	34	PCldy	Chicago	57	34	Cl	Goodland	80	39	Cl	Macon	72	45	Cl
Albuquerque	78	45	Cl	Cincinnati	59	37	PCldy	Grand Junction	53	29	Cl	Madison	65	31	Cl
Allentown, Pa.	58	35	Cl	Cleveland	50	33	PCldy	Grand Rapids	53	29	Cl	Medford	72	47	PCldy
Anchorage	33	20	Cl	Colorado Springs	73	37	Cl	Great Falls	57	46	Cl	Memphis	67	42	Cl
Asheville	61	38	PCldy	Columbia, S.C.	73	47	PCldy	Greensboro, N.C.	58	43	PCldy	Miami Beach	80	65	Cl
Atlanta	67	47	Cl	Columbus, Ga.	69	47	Cl	Harrisburg	57	37	PCldy	Midland-Odessa	86	47	Cl
Atlantic City	61	40	Cl	Concord, N.H.	50	36	Cl	Hartford Spfld	53	29	PCldy	Milwaukee	62	32	Cl
Austin	78	45	Cl	Corpus Christi	81	55	Cl	Helena	62	42	Cl	Missoula	58	38	Cl
Baltimore	63	41	PCldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	78	46	Cl	Honolulu	92	70	Cl	Mobile	70	43	Cl
Baton Rouge	72	45	Cl	Dayton	58	34	PCldy	Houston	76	47	Cl	Montgomery	68	47	Cl
Bilings	67	45	Cl	Denver	76	40	Cl	Huntsville	65	43	Cl	Nashville	62	40	Cl
Birmingham	64	45	Cl	Des Moines	74	37	Cl	Indianapolis	58	38	Cl	New Orleans	69	51	Cl
Bismark	74	38	Cl	Detroit	59	33	Cl	Jacksonville	67	41	Cl	New York City	57	42	Cl
Boise	70	46	PCldy	Duluth	61	32	PCldy	Kansas City	74	36	Cl	Newark	59	42	Cl
Boston	52	42	PCldy	El Paso	85	51	Cl	Key West	64	44	PCldy	Norfolk	65	49	PCldy
Bridgeport	56	39	Cl	Elkins	53	31	Cl	Knoxville	64	44	PCldy	North Platte	80	36	Cl
Brownsville	81	53	Cl	Erie	44	32	Cl	Lake Charles	74	46	Cl	Oklahoma City	70	43	Cl
Buffalo	46	33	Cl	Eugene	62	46	Cl	Lansing	53	29	PCldy	Omaha	79	37	Cl
Burlington, Vt.	44	38	PCldy	Evansville	62	38	Cl	Las Vegas	90	63	PCldy	Orlando	78	57	PCldy
Caribou, Maine	40	31	Cl	Fairbanks	19	2	Cl	Lexington	58	38	Cl	Paderborn	65	37	Cl
Casper	71	38	Cl	Fargo	75	39	Cl	Lincoln	80	38	Cl	Philadelphia	66	44	Cl
Charleston, S.C.	72	51	Cl	Flagstaff	70	30	PCldy	Little Rock	58	38	Cl	Phoenix	96	64	PCldy
Charleston, W.Va.	61	42	Cl	Flint	53	28	Cl	Los Angeles	84	57	Cl	Pittsburgh	53	35	PCldy
Charlotte, N.C.	69	43	PCldy	Fort Smith	73	39	Cl								

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## COLLEGE HOCKEY

# A rivalry rekindled

## Border-state foes meet for a shot at an NCAA title

BY DAVE CAMPBELL  
The Associated Press

**T**he North Dakota-Minnesota hockey series was a significant casualty of the football-driven conference realignment that interrupted so many classic rivalries across the country.

As if prearranged to mollify fans frustrated by the first regular season in 67 years without this border-state matchup, the rivalry will be revived at the Frozen Four in Philadelphia. Those close to the clash felt like it was supposed to happen.

Minnesota assistant coach Grant Potulny told goalie Adam Wilcox so earlier this season.

"He was like, 'We're sure going to end up seeing them in the NAAs at some point,'" Wilcox said. "And I'm like, 'Yeah, we're guaranteed to do it.' Sure enough, we did. Everyone's excited about it."

The NCAA semifinal will be the 284th between these Midwest college hockey behemoths. Minnesota has a slim 138-130-15 lead. Gophers coach Don Lucia's record against North Dakota since he took over the program? That's 22-22-4.

"A great scenario, I think, for college hockey."

I'm sure this is what everybody had planned all along," said North Dakota coach Dave Hakstol, a UND player in the 1990s.

North Dakota has seven NCAA championships; Minnesota has five. They've appeared in the title game a total of 23 times, including together in 1979 when the Gophers won it all. UND beat Minnesota in the national semifinals in 2005.

The teams faced off every regular season from 1948 to 2013. The formation of the Big Ten was the first fallen domino, taking Minnesota with it. North Dakota led the next exodus, from the Western Collegiate Hockey Association, to create the National Collegiate Hockey Conference. The current WCHA is barely recognizable and the first year for sport's western reaches looked strange. Attendance at all three conference tournaments was sparse for most games.

"If you ask

any Gopher hockey fan what the biggest disappointment in scheduling is, I think the majority would say not playing North Dakota," said Lou Nanne, a Minnesota alumni and a captain on the 1968 U.S. Olympic team before a long career with the NHL's North Stars.

North Dakota was the only WCHA team anywhere close to Minneapolis. The sustained success of both programs took it from there. A litany of playoff games, fights on the ice and overtime thrillers added more fuel.

North Dakota used to be the Fighting Sioux, which the NCAA deemed "hostile and abusive" toward Native Americans and effected a ban in 2012 following a long dispute. For all the typical taunting between the two fan bases, though, the rivalry isn't as bitter as that nickname controversy became.

"They don't hate each other as much as they need each other," said Judd Zulgard, a sports talk show host for 1500 ESPN radio in the Twin Cities. "I think they thrive off the fact they have this really great back and forth. It's such a niche, regional sport that proximity does matter."



Frozen Four semifinal  
North Dakota (25-13-3)  
vs. Minnesota (27-6-6)

AFN-Sports

12:30 p.m. Friday (delayed) CET

7:30 p.m. Friday (delayed) JKT

For the first time in 67 years, Minnesota and North Dakota didn't play in the regular season, but will meet in the Frozen Four semifinals on Thursday.

Ben McGee/AP



Here is the definitive book on the Boston Marathon bombing and subsequent manhunt for the Tsarnaevs. Read the gripping story of the tragic, surreal, and ultimately inspiring week of April 15, 2013 as it highlights the bravery, resourcefulness, and resiliency of the Boston community.

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# NHL

## Scoreboard

Eastern Conference									
Atlantic Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
z-Boston	78	53	18	7	113	251	161		
x-Montreal	79	45	27	7	97	212	199		
x-Tampa Bay	78	42	27	9	89	229	211		
Metropolitan Division									
y-Pittsburgh	79	50	24	5	105	240	190		
x-N.Y. Rangers	79	43	31	5	91	212	190		
Philadelphia	78	40	29	9	89	220	220		
Wild Card									
Detroit	78	37	27	14	88	211	222		
Columbus	78	40	31	7	87	219	207		
New Jersey	79	34	29	16	84	191	201		
Toronto	79	38	33	8	84	223	245		
Washington	78	35	30	13	83	222	236		
Ottawa	78	33	31	14	80	226	261		
Carolina	78	34	33	11	79	196	215		
N.Y. Islanders	78	31	36	11	73	215	258		
Florida	79	28	43	8	64	188	258		
Buffalo	78	21	48	9	51	150	234		

Western Conference									
Central Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
x-St. Louis	78	52	19	7	111	245	177		
x-Colorado	78	50	21	7	107	239	209		
x-Chicago	78	45	19	15	105	259	207		
Pacific Division									
x-Anaheim	79	49	21	9	100	254	202		
x-San Jose	79	49	21	9	107	239	192		
x-Los Angeles	78	45	26	8	96	197	166		
Wild Card									
Minnesota	79	41	28	12	94	196	194		
Dallas	78	38	29	11	87	227	221		
Phoenix	78	36	28	14	86	209	221		
Nashville	78	35	32	13	83	199	213		
Vancouver	79	35	33	11	81	187	213		
Winnipeg	80	35	35	10	80	220	231		
Calgary	79	34	38	7	75	201	228		
Edmonton	79	28	42	9	65	197	261		

**Note:** Top three teams in each division and the next two teams with the most points in each conference qualify for the playoffs. Two points are awarded for a win, one point for overtime loss.

x-clinched playoff spot  
y-clinched division  
z-clinched conference

**Sunday's games**  
Pittsburgh 5, Colorado 2, SO  
Chicago 4, St. Louis 2  
Florida 3, Dallas 2  
Columbus 4, N.Y. Islanders 0  
Philadelphia 5, Buffalo 2  
Edmonton 4, Anaheim 2

**Monday's games**  
Calgary 1, New Jersey 0  
Minnesota 1, Winnipeg 0  
Anaheim 3, Vancouver 0

**Tuesday's games**  
Detroit at Buffalo  
Ottawa at N.Y. Islanders  
Carolina at N.Y. Rangers  
Phoenix at Columbus

**Wednesday's games**  
Toronto at Tampa Bay  
Philadelphia at Florida  
Washington at St. Louis  
Boston at Minnesota

Nashville at Dallas  
Colorado at Edmonton  
Detroit at Pittsburgh

Columbus at Dallas  
Los Angeles at Calgary  
San Jose at Anaheim



Anaheim's Daniel Winnik, right, celebrates his goal past Vancouver's Eddie Lack during Monday's game in Vancouver, British Columbia.

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## Monday Ducks 3, Canucks 0

Anaheim 1 1 1-3  
Vancouver 0 0 0-0

**First Period**—1, Anaheim, Winnik 6, 6:26 (sh).

**Second Period**—2, Anaheim, Palmieri 14 (Lovejoy, Allen), 17:03.

**Third Period**—3, Anaheim, Beleskey 7 (Perry, Getzlaf), 1:20.

**Shots on Goal**—Anaheim 11-7-5—23.

Vancouver 6-2-3—15.

**Power-play opportunities**—Anaheim 0 of 1, Vancouver 0 of 3.

**Goalies**—Anaheim, Gibson 1-0-0 (18 shots-18 saves), Vancouver, Lack 16-17-5 (23-20).

A=18,910 (18,910), T=2:22.

## Wild 1, Jets 0

Minnesota 0 1 0-1  
Winnipeg 0 0 0-0

**Second Period**—1, Minnesota, Coyle 12 (Parise, Koivu), 1:05.

**Shots on Goal**—Minnesota 6-7-4—17.

Winnipeg 7-5-12—24.

**Power-play opportunities**—Minnesota 0 of 3, Winnipeg 0 of 4.

**Goalies**—Minnesota, Bryzgalov 11-8-8 (24 shots-24 saves), Winnipeg, Hutchinson 0-1-0 (17-16).

A=15,004 (15,004), T=2:17.

## Flames 1, Devils 0

Calgary 0 0 1-0  
New Jersey 0 0 0-0

**Third Period**—1, Calgary, Giordano 14 (Hudler, Cammalleri), :23 (pp).

**Shots on Goal**—Calgary 7-9-6—22, New Jersey 12-10-9—31.

**Power-play opportunities**—Calgary 1 of 5, New Jersey 0 of 1.

**Goalies**—Calgary, Ramo 16-13-4 (31 shots-31 saves), New Jersey, Schneider 16-15-11 (22-21).

A=14,297 (17,625), T=2:26.

## Scoring Leaders

Through April 7

GP G A PTS

Sidney Crosby, Pitt 78 36 66 102

Ryan Getzlaf, AnH 75 31 36 86

Tyler Seguin, Dal 79 36 46 82

Cory Perry, AnH 49 42 38 80

Phil Kessel, Tor 73 37 43 80

Claude Giroux, Phi 78 25 54 79

Taylor Hall, Edm 72 27 50 77

Joe Pavelski, SJ 79 39 37 76

Patrick Sharp, Chi 79 33 42 76

James van Riemsdijk, Dal 78 32 42 74

Nicklas Backstrom, Was 78 15 60 75

Alex Ovechkin, Was 74 49 25 74

Wayne Thomas, SJ 71 11 63 74

Evgeni Malkin, Pitt 60 49 72 72

**Goaltending** GP SV GA BGS

Josh Harding, Min 29 690 46 1.65

Brian Elliott, StL 30 679 53 1.98

Cory Schneider, NJ 44 1075 87 2.00

Jonathan Quick, LA 47 1141 94 2.03

Tuukka Rask, Bos 56 1592 111 2.04

Chad Johnson, Bos 25 640 49 2.12

Anton Khudobin, Car 34 1011 70 2.14

Corey Crawford, Chi 57 1483 122 2.22

Ben Bishop, TB 62 1755 133 2.23

Frederik Andersen, Ana 27 753 57 2.27



MEL EVANS/AP

New Jersey's Jaromir Jagr, left, tries to screen Calgary goalie Karri Ramo on a shot during the third period of Monday's game in Newark, N.J. Ramo stopped all 31 shots in a 1-0 Flames win.

## Rundup

# Ramo, Flames burn Devils

## Calgary goaltender stops 31 shots in shutout victory

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**  
NEWARK, N.J. — For seven years, Miikka Kiprusoff was a constant for the Calgary Flames. Karri Ramo might be next.

Ramo made 31 saves to record his second NHL shutout and Mark Giordano scored the only goal as the Flames topped the New Jersey Devils 1-0 on Monday night.

"He reminds me of (Kiprusoff)," Giordano said of Ramo. "His style is similar. They're quick guys. We really have a lot of confidence in our goaltending."

Calgary improved to 34-38-7 overall, including 16-20-4 on the road this season.

"It's just a hard-working group," Flames coach Bob Hartley said. "We're going to fight until the last second. I love this group."

Cory Schneider stopped 21 of 22 shots for New Jersey, which fell to 34-29-16. New Jersey's loss also allowed the New York Rangers to clinch a playoff berth.

Both Calgary and the Devils have three games remaining this season. The Devils are three points behind Columbus for the last playoff spot in the East.

"In my opinion, I think we're going to get one more chance (to make the playoffs)," New Jer-

sey's Jaromir Jagr said. "It's too strange to finish like that. You've got to believe. It wouldn't make any sense to finish like that. We dominated. Just keep the faith and I think we're going to get one more chance in my opinion."

Neither the Flames nor Devils scored until Giordano's power-play goal 23 seconds into the third as both teams were unable to take advantage of opportunities.

Giordano's goal, his 14th of the season, was a one-timer off a feed from Jiri Hudler.

"You like those (passes)," Giordano said. "Rolling passes, goalies have a (tough time) picking it up (and) I picked it up pretty (well)."

The Devils outshot Calgary 22-16 through two periods, and finished with a 31-22 advantage.

New Jersey also did not allow the Flames a shot on goal in a 15-minute span between the first and second periods.

"(We) had chances and opportunities and didn't stick it in the back of the net," Devils coach Pete DeBoer said. "A common theme, (we) don't score easily and we hadn't all year. We're at mercy of games like this where margin of error is very small. I thought defensively we were very good, but when you

can't score it's hard to win."

New Jersey had a goal disallowed with 1:26 left in the first, as referee Brad Watson waved off what would have been a game-opening score by Ryan Carter. The ruling was upheld by a video review by the NHL in Toronto.

"I saw it off my foot and between the goaltender's pads, I got a piece of it (with my stick) and that's what propelled it in," Carter said. "I don't think (the review in Toronto is) how I saw it. That's how it was."

**Ducks 3, Canucks 0:** John Gibson made 18 saves to record a shutout in his NHL debut as visiting Anaheim eliminated Vancouver from playoff contention.

Daniel Winnik, Kyle Palmieri and Matt Beleskey scored for Anaheim, which is three points ahead of San Jose for first place in the Pacific Division.

**Wild 1, Jets 0:** Charlie Coyle scored in the second period and Ilya Bryzgalov made 24 saves for his fourth shutout of the season as Minnesota beat host Winnipeg.

Coyle's one-timer off a pass from Zach Parise at 1:05 of the second came just after a penalty to Winnipeg defenseman Mark Stuart had expired.

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**RBI**—Trumbo, Arizona, 13; Stanton, Miami, 12; McGehee, Miami, 10; CGonzalez, Colorado, 9; LaRoche, Washington, 8; Pagan, San Francisco, 8; Belt, San Francisco, 7; Blackmon, Colorado, 7; Cuddyer, Colorado, 7; Ethier, Los Angeles, 7.

## NBA

## Scoreboard

## Eastern Conference

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Miami	43	23	.697	—
y-Indiana	53	25	.679	1
x-Toronto	45	32	.584	8½
x-Cacago	42	35	.544	8½
x-Brooklyn	42	34	.553	11
x-Chiington	40	36	.521	14½
x-Charlotte	39	38	.506	14½
Atlanta	34	42	.447	19

New York	33	45	.423	21
Cleveland	31	47	.397	23
Detroit	28	49	.364	25½
Boston	22	55	.290	30½
Orlando	12	55	.286	31½
Philadelphia	17	60	.221	36½
Waukeese	14	63	.182	39½

## Western Conference

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-San Antonio	60	17	.779	—
y-Oklahoma City	55	21	.724	4½
x-L.A. Clippers	53	23	.705	5½
x-Houston	51	25	.671	8½
x-Portland	50	26	.661	10
Golden State	48	29	.623	12
Dallas	31	46	.403	13½
Memphis	45	32	.584	15

Memphis	45	32	.584	15
Minnesota	38	38	.500	21½
Denver	33	44	.429	27
New Orleans	32	45	.416	28
Sacramento	27	50	.353	33
L.A. Lakers	25	52	.325	35
Utah	24	53	.312	36

x clinched playoff spot; y clinched division

## Sunday's games

Miami 102, New York 91
L.A. Clippers 120, L.A. Lakers 97
Miami 85, Sacramento 91
Atlanta 107, Indiana 88
Houston 130, Denver 125, OT
San Antonio 112, Memphis 102
Phoenix 122, Oklahoma City 115
Golden State 130, Utah 102
Portland 100, New Orleans 94

## Monday's games

No games scheduled
Tuesday's games
Detroit at Atlanta
San Antonio at Minnesota
Brooklyn at Miami
Dallas at Utah
Oklahoma City at Sacramento
Houston at L.A. Lakers

## Wednesday's games

Brooklyn at Orlando
Charlotte at Washington
Detroit at Cleveland
Philadelphia at Toronto
Boston at Atlanta
Chicago at Minnesota
Indiana at Milwaukee
Miami at Memphis
Phoenix at New Orleans
Houston at Denver
Sacramento at Portland
Oklahoma City at L.A. Clippers

## Leaders

	PTS	FG	FT	Pct	AVG
Durant, OKC	75	28	65	24.11	32.1
Anthony, NYK	75	28	44	20.65	27.5
James, MIA	73	23	40	19.60	26.8
Curry, GSW	61	21	47	18.72	26.0
Griffin, HOU	68	51	62	17.26	25.4
Garland, LAL	67	68	40	18.49	24.0
Curry, GSW	64	60	27	17.40	23.5
Aldridge, POR	62	54	28	15.37	23.3
DeRozan, POR	75	58	48	17.09	22.8
Cousins, SAC	67	54	49	14.93	22.3
DeRozan, POR	78	56	49	16.95	21.7
Jefferson, IND	68	64	17	14.76	21.7
Nowitzki, DAL	76	59	32	16.42	21.6
Curry, GSW	67	51	7	14.29	21.3
Lillard, POR	78	57	33	16.38	21.0
DeRozan, POR	67	52	34	13.64	20.8
Thomas, SAC	70	48	35	14.47	20.7

	REB	OFF	DEF	TOT	AVG
Jordan, LAL	31	7	76	107	13.8
Drummond, DET	76	22	52	98	12.9
Love, MIN	72	21	51	69	10.6
Howard, ORL	68	22	61	83	12.3
Cousins, SAC	67	20	57	77	11.6
Aldridge, POR	68	22	46	68	11.2
Noah, CHI	57	26	59	85	11.1
Vucetic, ORL	57	18	44	62	11.0
Jefferson, IND	68	17	52	71	10.6
Bogut, GSW	64	17	50	64	10.1

## Pacers in need of a quick fix

Indiana continues to struggle with just four games left before playoffs

By MICHAEL MAROT

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Lance Stephenson shook his head in disbelief. All-Star starter Paul George repeatedly urged his Indiana teammates to get going, and All-Star center Roy Hibbert sat speechless on the bench during the final 30 minutes on the game.

This wasn't just another bad loss for the Pacers. It was another chapter in their shocking collapse as the NBA regular season comes to a close.

"I don't think it's acceptable for any of us in our organization to play the way we played tonight and we're just going to get back to work to fix it, to get back on track," coach Frank Vogel said following Atlanta's 107-88 rout of the Pacers Sunday night in Indianapolis.

The Pacers missed their first seven shots and scored a team-record-low 23 points in the first half when they went 7-for-35 from the field. The league's No. 1 defense gave up 55 points and seven three-pointers in two quarters.

This has been a problem since the All-Star break, with the Pacers allowing 95.8 points per game and putting up the lowest scoring average of any team in the NBA last month. The Pacers are 20-17 since Jan. 24 and 7-12 on the road. Even their once-invincible home court edge doesn't look so imposing after losing to San Antonio by 26 points and Atlanta by 19.

Are the Pacers in a free fall? They look listless at times, sure, but San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich noted that all teams go through these sorts of struggles during the season. Spurs guard Tony Parker said he still expects Indiana and Miami to meet in the Eastern Conference finals.

But there's no doubt this is not the same team that started 17-2, was 33-8 at the midway point of the season and made two February moves — signing free agent Andrew Bynum and sending injury-prone Danny Granger to Philadelphia in a trade deadline deal for Evan Turner — that made it clear the Pacers thought they could dethrone two-time de-



HARRY E. WALKER/MCT

Pacers, from left, Lance Stephenson, Paul George and Evan Turner watch the closing moments of their loss to the Wizards in Washington on March 28. That started a stretch in which Indiana lost five of six.

fending NBA champion Miami.

After losing for the fifth time in six games, the Pacers are now one game behind Miami in the Eastern Conference standings.

Vogel benched Hibbert for the final 2½ quarters Sunday because he thought Hibbert looked fatigued. Vogel noted afterward that his entire starting lineup looked tired, though he played George and David West deep into the fourth quarter. Hibbert did not take questions after the game.

There has been speculation about a growing rift between the Pacers' young coach and their star center, who has publicly complained about "selfish dudes" and suggested the Pacers needed "group therapy."

"Teammates deny there are any problems between the two. 'Roy will settle down,' West said when asked how Hibbert responded to the benching. 'He's down on himself because he felt

like he could have helped us, but coach made a decision. Coach has to make some tough decisions sometimes, and it was to get him some rest. ... Coach made the right choice.'"

There have also been questions about Stephenson's body language and his untimely ejection in the March 26 win over Miami and whether the Pacers' struggles can be blamed on a young team writing in the spotlight.

What can the Pacers do to fix all these problems before the playoffs start? "For one, we just can't panic. I mean we can't panic. We've just got to be loose about it," George said. "We're just putting too much pressure where it doesn't need to be brought. We just got to do what we do. We're in a great position right now."

At 53-25, Indiana has clinched its second straight Central Division title, still has the NBA's best

home record (34-6) and trails Miami by just one game in the East.

Before the season, fans would have applauded the Pacers' current position. On Sunday, they booed.

"It's understandable. You know we scored 23 points in the first half. That's unacceptable and we know that," George said. "But I don't think we deserve to be booed. You know, all that we've done this year. I definitely thought it was uncalled for."

They have four regular-season games remaining, including a Friday night showdown at Miami.

"We're playing good basketball, we're sharing the ball. We're taking the shots that we're supposed to, they're just not falling right now," a clearly frustrated Stephenson said. "We've just got to keep playing good basketball. The basketball gods will take care of everything."

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# AUTO RACING



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Sprint Cup Series driver Joey Logano leads the pack during Monday's race at Texas Motor Speedway in Fort Worth, Texas.

## Last-lap pass lifts Logano to win

### Gordon finishes second in rain-delayed Texas race

By STEPHEN HAWKINS  
The Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — With a significant lead and the laps winding down, Joey Logano kept thinking about getting to the white flag.

Less than a half-lap from finally seeing that wave at Texas on Monday, a caution changed everything — though only for a few extra laps.

"My heart dropped. I got really angry instantly," said Logano, who was in the third turn on the 333rd of 334 scheduled laps when the caution happened. "You've got to go out there and win at that point, figure out how to do it."

Logano still got the victory, just in a more exciting fashion. He passed Jeff Gordon on the last of 340 laps after a green-white-checkered finish in the Sprint Cup series version of overtime.

When Kurt Busch slammed into the wall, spawning debris on the track, Logano's 2.2-second lead over teammate Brad Keselowski was gone and he didn't get to take the white flag that would have guaranteed no extra laps.

On the ensuing pit stop, Gordon took only two tires and exited first. Both Team Penske drivers took four tires, and Logano got a splash of fuel. But Keselowski missed a chance to become this season's first two-time winner when he was penalized for speeding on pit road and finished 15th. "I was just trying to get a little too much on pit road," Keselowski

said. "We're in it for wins. We're not in it for second. Second or 15th is the same for us."

The 23-year-old Logano got his fourth career victory, and Jeff Gordon took over the series point lead from Dale Earnhardt Jr., who had an early crash.

"He crossed over and got into the back of me pretty good," Gordon said of the last lap with Logano. "At that point, I was just thinking, 'I just want to finish.' Looked out my mirror, those guys were racing hard behind me. A great, great second-place finish for me."

Here are five other things that happened in the rain-delayed race at Texas:

**Seven winners for seven races:** Logano became the seventh different winner in as many Sprint Cup races this season, when new rules for the championship Chase put an increased emphasis on winning. Team Penske joined Stewart-Haas Racing as the only teams with multiple winners this season.

**Junior's mistake:** Earnhardt finished last for the first time in seven seasons with an early mistake that also made a long day for Hendrick teammate Jimmie Johnson. Only 13 laps into the race, Earnhardt drove his No. 88 Chevrolet halfway into the rain-saturated infield grass before it shot across the track and slammed into the wall in a fiery crash. Debris and mud from that damaged John-

son's windshield and front left side. "It was kind of surreal what happened," said Johnson, who later had a right rear tire issue and finished 25th. Earnhardt tweeted: "That wasn't fun. Sorry 2 the fans of the 88 team. Feel bad for my guys and the 48 team also. Made a mistake there that was costly for every!" The last time Earnhardt finished 43rd was the 2007 race fall at Phoenix — a span of 222 races.

**Harvick's blown engine:** Kevin Harvick has finished 36th or worse in four of the five races since winning at Phoenix the second week of the season. He started third at Texas, but completed only 28 laps because of a blown engine right after a restart and wound up 42nd. "It's frustrating. I don't know what else I can say," Harvick said. "I didn't get any indication that anything was going wrong."

**Flapjir in the wind:** The race started with 10 caution laps to make sure the 1½-mile high-banked track was ready for racing after being postponed Sunday by rain. There were jet dryers on the track during those laps, and the high-pressure air from those affected the hood and roof flaps on several cars. Keselowski made four trips down pit road after his hood popped up and his crew made repairs. "It was one of those free-for-all deals," Keselowski said. Gordon said one of the jet dryers "about blew all of us over."



MIKE STONE/AP

Joey Logano shoots off pistols to celebrate his Sprint Cup victory at Texas Motor Speedway Monday in Fort Worth, Texas. Logano won on a green-white-checkered finish.

NASCAR put all the cars in their original starting spots. "I'm not sure what's more odd, if that happened or NASCAR allowed those guys to repair that thing," Gordon said. "Had a piece of concrete fly through my car once at Martinsville. I don't ever remember them letting me repair the car."

**Stewart leading:** Tony Stewart was the polestarter and led laps for the first time this season, and not only the first 10 laps during that competition caution to start the race. He led 74 of the first 76 laps, and went on to a 10th-place finish. Those also made him the career leader for laps led at Texas Motor Speedway with 801.

## Scoreboard

### Duck Commander 500

NASCAR Sprint Cup series	
Monday	
At Texas Motor Speedway	
Fort Worth, Texas	
Lap length: 1.5 miles	
(Start position in parentheses)	
1. (10) Joey Logano, Ford, 340 laps, 133 rating, 48 points, \$251,881.	133
2. (12) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 340, 121.7, 43, \$384,655.	43
3. (29) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 340, 113.4, 42, \$289,211.	42
4. (23) Brian Vickers, Toyota, 340, 93.8, 40, \$238,370.	40
5. (14) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 340, 104.7, 39, \$202,865.	39
6. (4) Greg Biffle, Ford, 340, 110.2, 38, \$196,910.	38
7. (26) Matt Kenseth, Toyota, 340, 85.6, 37, \$192,046.	37
8. (25) Clint Bowyer, Toyota, 340, 100.6, 37, \$174,701.	37
9. (13) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 340, 85.6, 35, \$163,824.	35
10. (11) Tony Stewart, Chevrolet, 340, 101.2, 35, \$190,243.	35
11. (32) Casey Kahne, Chevrolet, 340, 92.4, 33, \$147,500.	33
12. (17) Aric Almirola, Ford, 340, 80.4, 32, \$168,306.	32
13. (6) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 340, 101.6, 32, \$137,770.	32
14. (5) Carl Edwards, Ford, 340, 84.9, 30, \$143,150.	30
15. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 340, 123.1, 30, \$175,053.	30
16. (8) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 340, 86.4, 29, \$133,915.	29
17. (15) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 340, 93.3, 27, \$156,729.	27
18. (18) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 340, 72, 26, \$149,723.	26
19. (7) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 339, 75.7, 0, \$116,240.	0
20. (9) Marcos Ambrose, Ford, 339, 75.8, 24, \$146,260.	24
21. (20) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 339, 61.1, 23, \$162,251.	23
22. (39) David Gilliland, Ford, 339, 62, 22, \$141,777.	22
23. (33) A. J. Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 339, 56.5, 21, \$129,896.	21
24. (22) Justin Allgaier, Chevrolet, 339, 62.4, 20, \$134,573.	20
25. (16) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 338, 53, 19, \$162,051.	19
26. (31) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 338, 56.3, 18, \$145,140.	18
27. (4) Danica Patrick, Chevrolet, 338, 53.2, 17, \$115,690.	17
28. (21) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 338, 59.1, 16, \$125,748.	16
29. (27) Michael Annett, Chevrolet, 337, 52.5, 15, \$114,144.	15
30. (28) Michael McDowell, Ford, 335, 56.9, 14, \$101,965.	14
31. (42) Cole Whitt, Toyota, 335, 39.2, 13, \$98,540.	13
32. (30) Alex Bowman, Toyota, 335, 41.5, 12, \$100,440.	12
33. (28) Reed Sorenson, Chevrolet, 334, 40.1, 12, \$98,840.	12
34. (40) London Cassill, Chevrolet, 334, 22.3, 0, \$95,240.	0
35. (43) David Ragan, Ford, 334, 28.7, 9, \$107,790.	9
36. (41) Josh Wise, Chevrolet, 333, 33, 8, \$92,043.	8
37. (37) Travis Kvapil, Ford, 332, 36.3, 7, \$91,880.	7
38. (34) David Reutimann, Ford, 332, 39.3, 6, \$84,865.	6
39. (40) Kurt Busch, Chevrolet, accident, 327, 60.8, 5, \$80,865.	5
40. (36) Parker Kligerman, Toyota, overheating, 313, 31.4, \$76,865.	31.4
41. (35) Dave Blaney, Ford, steering, 272, 34.1, \$72,865.	34.1
42. (3) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, engine, 28, 42.4, 3, \$101,173.	42.4
43. (19) Dale Earnhardt Jr., Chevrolet, accident, 12, 1, \$101,173.	12

Race Statistics	
Average Speed of Race Winner:	
134.191 mph	
Time of Race: 3 hours, 48 minutes, 2 seconds	
Margin of Victory: 0.476 seconds	
Lead Changes: 18 among 9 drivers	
Lead Leaders: T-Stewart 1-24; K-Harvick 25-30; L-Gordon 31-39; R-Sorenson 40-42; T-Stewart 52-76; B-Keselowski 77-96; K-Busch 97-99; L-Gordon 100-101; D-Hamlin 122-140; J-Gordon 141-142; G-Busch 143-149; J-Gordon 150-151; B-Keselowski 184-225; L-Logano 226-229; D-Hamlin 300; C-Bowyer 301; L-Logano 302-339; D-Gordon 335-339; L-Logano 340.	
Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Led, Laps)	
L-Logano, 3 times for 108 laps	
B-Keselowski, 3 times for 85 laps	
T-Stewart, 3 times for 74 laps	
J-Gordon, 2 times for 40 laps	
D-Hamlin, 1 time for 10 laps	
C-Bowyer, 1 time for 1 lap	
K-Harvick, 1 time for 1 lap	
K-Busch, 1 time for 1 lap	
D-Earnhardt Jr., 1 time for 1 lap	
D-Hamlin, 1 time for 1 lap	
Top 12 in Points: 1. J-Gordon, 259; 2. L-Logano, 258; 3. K-Busch, 231; 6. D-Hamlin, 218; 7. B-Keselowski, 218; 8. B-Vickers, 205; 10. R-Menard, 203; 11. R-Newman, 202; 12. A-Dillon, 199.	
NASCAR Driver Rating Formula	
A driver's rating of 150 points can be attained in a race.	
Winners, 150; Finishes, Top-15 Finishes, Average Running Position While on Lead Lap, Average Start Under Green, Fastest Lap, Led Most Laps, Lead-Lap Finish.	



## NCAA TOURNAMENT

## NBA decisions loom for several Wildcats

By DAVE SKRETTA  
The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — One by one, players in the Kentucky locker room said essentially the same thing: They had not given the NBA a second thought, much less a first, during their stirring Final Four run.

They'd better start thinking about it now.

With millions of dollars hanging in the balance, Julius Randle, Aaron and Andrew Harrison and a bunch of other Wildcats soon will have to make one of the biggest decisions of their lives. Their deadline to declare for the draft is April 27, less than three weeks away.

"Now that the season is over, it's about the players. It's no longer about the program," Kentucky coach John Calipari said after a 60-56 loss to Connecticut in Monday night's title game.

"It's about each individual player on this team now," Calipari said. "They sacrificed. They surrendered to each other now, for our team and our program and our school. Season's over. Now it's about them. And we'll sit down with each of them and they will make the decisions."

James Young and Dakari Johnson are also candidates to join Randle and the Harrison twins on the one-and-done path. Sophomore big men Willie Cauley-Stein and Alex Poythress also could declare.

Like last school, I love being at Kentucky," said Cauley-Stein, a 7-footer who missed the Final Four with an ankle injury. "I love the



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Kentucky's Andrew Harrison (5), Julius Randle (30) and Alex Poythress are among the many Wildcats who could choose to declare for the NBA draft after their loss in the NCAA championship to Connecticut.

fan base. I love the community. I love the people there, so why not stay until they make you leave? It just gets better as you get older.

"But there are so many different things going through my head," Cauley-Stein said. "There's that other thing, millions of dollars, being able to work on your game, and only your game."

Randle, a potential lottery pick, said he had kept thoughts of the NBA at bay.

"Never talked to coach or my

family about it," Randle said after scoring 10 points and pulling down six rebounds against UConn. "I'm sure it will be brought up, but I have no clue."

The Harrisons, likewise, said they were focused only on delivering the Wildcats their ninth national championship. Afterward, they declined to even offer a timetable for their decision.

"It's really thinking about this game," Aaron Harrison said quizzically. "It's one of the biggest games

in my career and we didn't win, and I didn't play my best. That's pretty much all I'll really be thinking about. I'm not thinking about next year or anything like that. I don't know."

This is hardly unfamiliar ground for Calipari and Kentucky. More like a rite of spring.

Since taking over the program five seasons ago, Calipari has produced 17 draft picks. Ten of those left after one season. No other coach has had more than

five one-and-done players.

"I'll sit down with each young man individually, probably have their family either with us or on a speaker phone and get them information and say, 'If I can help you with anything, let me know,'" Calipari said. "Tell me what you want to do. What do I need to do to help you?"

Most of the Wildcats already helped themselves. After a season that was often frustrating and disappointing, most of them helped their draft stock during their memorable NCAA tournament.

As the pressure ramped up, Randle kept pulling down rebounds. Aaron Harrison kept hitting clutch three-pointers. Andrew Harrison kept doling out big assists. Young kept scoring when Kentucky needed him most. And just about everybody else with NBA potential chipped in.

"It's so tough to play here at Kentucky and also balance school," Cauley-Stein said. "I have to decide what's best for my future, best for my game, and if I'm going to be happy either way."

Either way, Kentucky should be solid again next season. The Wildcats will welcome another loaded recruiting class that includes five-star big men Trey Lyles and Karl Towns and four-star prospects Devin Booker and Tyler Ulis.

"I know that he's going to get another great recruiting class and he's going to be right there back here," UConn coach Kevin Ollie said late Monday night. "But what an amazing job he did this year getting those freshmen to buy in. That's hard."

## Huskies' athleticism on display in championship

By JOHN MARSHALL  
The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Most of the scouting reports said the same thing: Connecticut was no match for the athleticism of Kentucky and all those high-flying freshmen.

No way the Huskies stop the Wildcats inside and get out to their shooters at the same time. No chance they were going to keep them off the offensive glass. Keeping up with them on the break wasn't going to happen.

Flexing their muscles on college basketball's biggest stage, the Huskies showed they have a little athleticism of their own by outlasting Kentucky's young 'Cats 60-54 to win their second national championship in four years on Monday night.

"We're tough-minded and tough physically," said UConn guard Ryan Boatright, who had 14 points. "When you try to get physical with us, we get physical right back. We're not going to back down from nobody."

The Huskies' main characteristic the past few years has been their resiliency, their ability to find ways to win when told they had no chance.

They did it in 2011, when Kemba Walker led a group of supposed-overachievers to the program's third national title.

No. 4 was a tougher road: Coach Jim Calhoun retired in 2012, five players left the program and the Huskies were barred

from the 2013 NCAA tournament for academic reasons.

They managed to win even without the prospect of playing in the postseason, earning 20 victories last season, their first under coach Kevin Ollie.

Given little chance of success, they turned heads with nine straight wins to open this season, then turned sour after being blown out by Louisville and losing to the Cardinals again in the American Athletic Conference final.

Even after busting brackets by reaching the championship game as a No. 7 seed, the Huskies were underdogs, supposedly overmatched by all those genetically-gifted 'Cats.

Instead, UConn showed off its athleticism early, jumping out to a 15-point first-half lead behind its dynamic duo of Shabazz Napier and Boatright.

Napier had 15 points by halftime and Boatright had the highlight, dribbling toward the sideline, spinning around with turn-on-a-dime 180 and scoring on a reverse layup — a move that was, yes, quite athletic.

"We wanted to keep on getting up floor and keep on running and running, and guys are not ready for that, get tired and get winded," said Napier, the Final Four Most Outstanding Player after scoring 22 points. "We definitely were ready for that."

Soon after that, though, Kentucky flexed its fast-twitching muscles with a flurry of

steals, breakaways and three-pointers.

That once-big lead was down to four at halftime, one after Aaron Harrison hit a three-pointer on the first shot of the second half.

Every time Kentucky made a run, tried to wrest the lead away, UConn countered, punched, knocking them back.

Boatright scored on step-back jumpers despite turning his ankle in the second half. Napier on drives to the basket and one long three-pointer, Niels Giffey with a couple of key offensive rebounds and a pair of three himself.

UConn closed it out by wearing the Wildcats out and holding its own on the boards. The rebound count went UConn 34, Kentucky 33.

Conditioning has been a huge emphasis in Storrs since Calhoun was coach and remained that way once Ollie took over, practices filled with lung-burning drills.

So when the Huskies hit the gas down the stretch, Kentucky couldn't keep up, sending UConn to another improbable title. The Huskies became the first team to win the tournament after going to overtime in its first game since North Carolina State made its unlikely run to a championship in 1983.

"Somebody told me we were Cinderellas and I was, like no, we're UConn," Ollie said. "This is what we do. We are born for this. We're bred to cut down nets. We're not chasing championships. Championships are chasing us."



TOM FOX, THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS/AP

Connecticut's Ryan Boatright, top, lands on Kentucky guard Andrew Harrison on Monday night after making a steal.

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## Redemption: Motivation was already in place for Connecticut

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they were barred from March Madness because of academic problems. That triggered the departure of five players, and coach Jim Calhoun left because of health concerns.

For those who remained, it stoked a fire no one could put out.

"You're looking at the hungry Huskies," Napier told the crowd and TV audience as confetti rained down. "Ladies and gentlemen, this is what happens when you banned us."

UConn never trailed in the final. The Huskies led by as many as 15 in the first half and watched the Wildcats (29-11) trim the deficit to one with 8:13 left. But Aaron Harrison, who pulled out wins with clutch three-pointers in Kentucky's last three games, missed a three from the left corner that would've given the Cats the lead. Kentucky never got that close again.

One key difference in a six-point loss: Kentucky's 11 missed free throws — a flashback of sorts for coach John Calipari, whose Memphis team blew a late lead against Kansas after missing multiple free throws in the 2008 final. The Wildcats went 13-for-24. UConn went 10-for-10, including Lasan Kromah's two to seal the game with 25.1 seconds left.

Calipari said he decided not to foul at the end "because they're not missing."

"These kids aren't machines. They're not robots. They're not computers," Calipari said. "I say it again: I wish I had an answer for them later in the game where I could have done something to just click it to where we needed it to go. That three in the corner, if that would have gone, maybe the game changes a little bit, but it didn't."

In all, Calipari's One and Doners got outdone by a more fundamentally sound, more-seasoned group that came into this tournament a seventh-seeded afterthought but walked away with the program's fourth national title since 1999. They are the highest seed to win it all since Rolie Massimino's eighth-seeded Villanova squad in 1985.

Napier now goes down with Kemba Walker, Emeka Okafor, Rip Hamilton, Ray Allen and all those other UConn greats. This adds to the school's titles in 1999, 2004 and 2011.

"It puts him right up there with all the great guards that came through the university," Hamilton said. "The one thing — we have a legacy of producing great guards, and showing up at the right time, and he displayed it again."

A year ago, the Huskies were preparing for their first season in the new American Athletic Conference after the Catholic Big East schools decided to form a smaller league, and none of the so-called power conferences invited UConn to join. Calhoun left and the program was turned over to the inexperienced Ollie. Most damaging, though, was the NCAA ban that triggered an exodus of five key players to the NBA or other schools.

Ollie didn't give up on the guys who stuck around. He figured out how to make their grit, court sense and loyalty pay off.

"From the beginning, coach Ollie told us that we have a chance to be on top if we work hard," Napier said. "He always told us that. We always knew that the words were: 'If we work hard.'"



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

A big reason Connecticut head coach Kevin Ollie and his team were cutting down the nets Monday night in Arlington, Texas, was foul shooting: Connecticut was a perfect 10-for-10 at the line while Kentucky finished 13-for-24.

## Kentucky wilts at the line

### Poor free-throw shooting hurts Cats

By DAVE SKRETTA  
The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Another team coached by John Calipari was done in at that harmless strip of paint just 15 feet from the basket.

After shooting well from the free-throw line much of the season, the kids from Kentucky wilted when it mattered most Monday night. Their inability to make one of the simplest shots in basketball was a big reason why the Wildcats lost 60-54 to Connecticut in the national championship game.

"Well, you could say that, but the way we started the game probably cost us the game," said Kentucky coach John Calipari, whose team found itself in an early 30-15 hole and never led.

Kentucky was 13-for-24 from the line and missed its final three attempts when the game was still in the balance. The last of them, a miss by Alex Poythress, would have cut the Wildcats' deficit to 56-53 with 3:47 remaining.

Instead, the lead swelled to six when DeAndre Daniels scored at the other end for UConn, and the Wildcats never had a chance to get within a single possession the rest of the way.

Making it all the more frustrating: UConn was 10-for-10 from the line.

Asked whether that decided the game, Kentucky's Aaron Harrison replied, "Maybe so."

So instead of Calipari's latest bunch of one-and-done stars cutting down the nets during "One Shining Moment," it was UConn joyously romping around the court inside AT&T Stadium, the confetti falling from the rafters as Kentucky players fled slowly toward the locker room.

Their free-throw struggles recalled memories of the 2008 title game, when a Memphis team coached by Calipari struggled down the stretch against Kansas.

In that game, the Jayhawks fouled the poor-shooting Tigers when they had to rally late in regulation. Memphis responded by missing four of its final five free throws. And that was enough for Kansas to overcome its big deficit and ultimately tie the game in regulation.

During that stretch before OT, Kansas made all of its shots, including its free throws. Asked whether it entered Calipari's mind, he replied flatly: "No."

UConn was just as maddeningly efficient as Kansas at the line, though, making the troubles of Kentucky all the more glaring: The Huskies never missed, and their final two free throws by Lasan Kromah with 25 seconds left sealed their fourth national championship.

James Young was 8-for-9 from the foul line for Kentucky, and finished with 20 points. But the rest of the team was 5-for-15, including lousy shooting from Julius Randle (4-for-7) and fellow big man Dakari Johnson, who was 1-for-4 at the line.



ERIC GAY/AP

Kentucky guard Andrew Harrison sits in the locker room after his team's 60-54 loss to Connecticut. One of the Wildcats' best free-throw shooters, Harrison didn't even make it to the free-throw line.

## NCAA TOURNAMENT

## UConn's dynamic duo dominant again

By MARK LONG  
The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Connecticut's experienced backcourt made Kentucky's guards look like, well, freshmen in the national championship game.

Shabazz Napier and Ryan Boatright outplayed the Harrison twins from start to finish Monday night.

"Whatever you've got to do, you've got to do it," said Napier, who was named Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four. "We've got a saying: 'The only way we're going to leave this floor with a loss is in a box.'"

Napier, a senior who was a role player on UConn's last title team in 2011, had 22 points, six rebounds, three assists and three steals in the Huskies' 60-54 victory. Junior Ryan Boatright added 14 points, four rebounds, three assists and three steals.

Together, they were simply too much for the Wildcats (29-11) to handle.

"They were not going to let us take this game from them," Kentucky coach John Calipari said.

Many thought it would be the other way around, with brothers Aaron and Andrew Harrison carrying the Wildcats to a second title in the last three years.

But the twins were mostly missing in the tournament finale at AT&T Stadium.

Aaron Harrison, who hit so many huge shots to get Kentucky to the title game, finished with seven points on 3-for-7 shooting. He also had three turnovers and no assists. Andrew Harrison was slightly better, scoring eight points to go along with five rebounds, five assists and four turnovers.

The play of the Harrisons contributed to Kentucky trailing most of the night, and Connecticut stepped up whenever the Wildcats made a charge.

"When you do have good guards that can control the game, it's hard for you to come back because they can hold the ball and wait till run 35 seconds off the clock then make a tough shot," Aaron Harrison said. "It's pretty hard for you to come back like that."

It wasn't the first time Napier and Boatright outplayed the opposing backcourt. Not this year. Not in this NCAA tournament. Not even in the Final Four.

UConn's dynamic duo shut down Florida guards Scottie Wilbekin and Michael Frazier in the semifinals. Wilbekin, the Southeastern Conference player of the year, had four points on 2-for-9 shooting Saturday night. Wilbekin also finished with just one assist and three turnovers.

Frazier hit a three-pointer off the opening tip and then was shut out the rest of the way in UConn's 63-53 victory.

Napier and Boatright were equally disruptive against Kentucky's bigger backcourt.

They limited open looks from behind the three-point line, prevented drives, picked off passes and challenged every shot. They



TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

Connecticut guard Shabazz Napier tries to control the ball as Kentucky guard Aaron Harrison defends during the second half of the NCAA title game on Monday in Arlington, Texas. Napier had 22 points, six rebounds, three assists and three steals in UConn's 60-54 win.

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**John Calipari**  
Kentucky coach on the play of UConn's Shabazz Napier and Ryan Boatright



have the speed, athleticism and instincts to do it all the time.

And their experience may have been the key to putting it all together.

Calipari showed them ultimate respect in the final minute by not fouling, saying "those guards never miss."

"They weren't going to miss a free throw," Calipari said. "We had three possessions left. We were OK, but we were going to have to score on every possession. Those were the dice I rolled."

The Huskies went 10-for-10 from the free-throw line.

Fittingly enough, they ended the night crowded around the stripe as player after player climbed up a ladder and cut down a strand of the nets.

Just before that familiar post-season scene, Napier took the microphone on the stage and slammed the NCAA while mak-

ing it to clear to everyone within earshot that last year's exclusion from the tournament put a huge chip on their shoulders.

"You're looking at the hungry Huskies," he said. "That's what happens."

The Huskies (32-8) were ineligible because of the team's Academic Progress Report. Napier, Boatright and others could have left the program and played elsewhere, but they stayed and used the NCAA tournament ban as a rallying point all year. It really started to drive them in the tournament.

And they weren't going to let Kentucky's freshmen stop them from taking home the title.

"I came too far to lose right now," said Boatright, who played through a sprained ankle in the second half. "I worked too hard in all my life to be in this position, and I wasn't going to let an ankle sprain stop me."



DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Connecticut guard Ryan Boatright celebrates after his team's 60-54 victory over Kentucky in the NCAA championship game. Boatright had 14 points, four rebounds, three assists and three steals.



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## Huskies go from NCAA doghouse to penthouse

BY EDDIE PELLIS  
The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Shabazz Napier walked slowly through the hallway of the stadium — the tears still drying, the twine from the cut-down net still hanging around his neck.

"Bittersweet. Bittersweet. Bittersweet," he said, over and over again.

Bitter because it's over. Sweet because UConn won it all after being left behind and told to go away.

Napier turned in one final masterpiece as a college player Monday night, lifting the Huskies to a 60-54 win over Kentucky's freshmen and bringing home a championship hardly anyone not wearing a UConn uniform thought was possible.

"It's unbelievable because those guys, my players, stayed with the program," coach Kevin Ollie said.

Led by 22 points from Napier, 14 points from Ryan Boatright and strong defensive games from both, the Huskies (32-8) won it all a short year after

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Connecticut guard Shabazz Napier holds the championship trophy Monday after leading his team to a 60-54 victory over Kentucky at the Final Four in Arlington, Texas. Napier was selected the Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four.

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